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DELAWARE COUNTY

BIOGRAPHICAL VOLUME

William Cameron Sproul. In every era of history a few personalities by reason of outstanding virtue, rise up and tower above their fellow men, making indelible impressions upon the lives and institutions with which they come in contact. In Delaware County such a personality was William Cameron Sproul, late of Chester. His scope of activity and variety of interests in business and political affairs was so great that in reviewing them, one is bound to wonder how a single man could accomplish so much in so short a space of time. William Cameron Sproul, ex-governor of Pennsylvania, was born September 16, 1870, a son of William Hall and Deborah (Dickinson) Sproul, in Octoraro, Lancaster County. He was graduated from Swarthmore College and subsequently engaged in business. He was the organizer and president for a time, of the Seaboard Steel Casting Company, now owned by the American Locomotive Company. He was also the organizer of the General Refractories Company, the Lebanon Iron Company, Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad and many railroads, mining, traction and power enterprises in West Virginia. At one time he was president of the Chester Daily Times and the Morning Republican, of Chester. In 1896, he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, serving as a member of that body for twenty-two consecutive years. In 1919-23, he was governor of the Commonwealth, during which period he inaugurated and carried out a campaign for better roads throughout the state. He built and endowed the Sproul Observatory, at Swarthmore College, and at his own expense restored the Chester Court House, the oldest public building in Pennsylvania. On January 21, 1892, Mr. Sproul married Emeline Wallace Roach, daughter of the late John B. Roach, a former ship-builder of Chester, and his wife Mary Caroline (Wallace) Roach. Mr. and Mrs. Sproul were the parents of a daughter and a son: Dorothy now married to Lawrence P. Sharples; and John, now connected with his father's many business activities. Mr. Sproul died March 21, 1928.

Seth Pancoast James. Dedicated to public service, the late Seth Pancoast James, acquired a local eminence in Delaware County that placed his name among the distinguished men of the county. He was an acknowledged leader in civic enterprises, and the public regard for him was such as is accorded few men. He was born in Providence, this county, July 28, 1844, a son of Daniel and Eliza P. (Worrell) James, both of whom were members of colonial families in Delaware County. The diversified interests of Daniel James made him a leader among members of his generation. He was owner

of numerous enterprises such as flour mills, saw mills, and coal yards. Seth P. James attended the schools of the county, and as a young man turned his attention to farming as a career, in which he won his way to an outstanding position. A Republican in political convictions, and always loyal to the good of the party, Mr. James served at various times during his lifetime as tax collector, assessor, constable, and during the last years of his life served as tip-staff for the Courts of Delaware County. In these various duties he proved himself as a faithful and conscientious public official. As a veteran of the Civil War, he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and his fraternal affiliations were with the Red Men. He attended the Friend's Meeting. On December 24, 1878, Mr. James married Sarah Jane Lewis, daughter of George and Margaret (Cornog) Lewis, natives of Haverford, Delaware County. They became the parents of one daughter, Grace L. The death of Mr. James, which occurred November 1, 1916, was mourned by the entire community as a man whose endearing personal qualities had surrounded him with devoted friends. Mrs. James maintains her residence at 613 Highland Avenue, Chester.

Francis G. Miller, M. D. One of the popular young professional men of Chester is Dr. Francis G. Miller, who is engaged in practice at 315 East Ninth Street. He was born in North East, Maryland, January 5, 1904 and is the son of Charles F., a retired physician and Lalla (Grove) Miller. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Miller still make their home in North East. Francis G. Miller received his education in the Cecil County Public Schools and then entered the University of Delaware, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1925. Thereafter, he matriculated at Jefferson Medical School, emerging from that institution in 1929 as a Doctor of Medicine. Serving his internship at Chester Hospital, he entered the practice of his profession in December, 1930 at his present address, where he has built up a gratifying patronage and has already gained a high standing among members of his profession. Dr. Miller is a member of the Surgical Staff of Chester Hospital, the County, State and National Medical Societies and the Philadelphia Medical Club and Keystone Auto Club. He is affiliated with the Sigma Nu and Phi Chi Fraternities. Miss Elizabeth McCool of Elkton, Maryland became the wife of Dr. Miller in August 1926 and they have one child, Francis Grove, Jr. In politics the Doctor is a Republican and he and Mrs. Miller are members of the Presbyterian Church.

F. W. Nyemetz, M. D. Among the younger generation of prominent and respected citizens of Delaware County, none stand higher nor possess a wider circle of friends than Dr. F. W. Nyemetz. His career having been marked by continuous advancement in a difficult profession, one in which success can only come as a result of merit and ability, he occupies an enviable position in medical circles of his community. A descendent of Delaware County pioneer stock, he was born February 22, 1897, the son of Walter and Elizabeth (Dalphey) Nyemetz. Dr. Nyemetz received his basic education in the public schools of Chester and then entered the University of Pennsyl-

vania, emerging in 1921 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After serving his internship in the Misericordia Hospital at Philadelphia, he settled in Chester, his own community to enter the practice of his profession as a physician specializing in obstetrics, his office and residence being located at 625 West Seventh Street. Dr. Nyemetz is a member of the staff of Chester Hospital in the Obstetrical Department, the County, State and National Medical Societies and the Philadelphia Medical Club. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, and politically is a member of the Republican Party. In 1924, Dr. Nyemetz married Miss Sarah A. Boyle and he and Mrs. Nyemetz are communicants of the Immaculate Heart Parish of the Roman Catholic Church.

Walter P. Billstein, Doctor of Chiropractic, is a native of Chester and a member of a family who have resided in Delaware County for more than half a century. He was born October 31, 1893, the son of Nicholas and Flora T. Billstein. Nicholas Billstein came to Delaware County in 1886 and established a Drug Store in 1891 in Chester. Walter P. Billstein attended the public schools of Chester. The World War interrupted his education and he answered the call to arms, enlisting in the 601st Engineers and spent fourteen months overseas. When the armistice was signed and after having been honorably discharged from service, Dr. Billstein spent the next several months in extensive travel throughout the United States. Then entering the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, he received his degree in 1924 and began the practice of his profession in Chester and has since risen to a place of eminence in this profession in the city and county. Dr. Billstein married Florence R. Leonard in May 1918. Mrs. Billstein died in 1921. Mr. Billstein married Miss Margaret M. Allen in October 1931. This substantial citizen claims membership in the Kiwanis Club, Chiropractic Health Bureau, American Bureau of Chiropractic, and the Pennsylvania Chiropractors Association. Dr. Billstein's political allegiance is with the Republican party and he makes his home at 911 Macadam Street, Chester.

Dr. Hans Nielsen. Among the ranks of the Chester Chiropractors, the name of Dr. Nielson is known as one of the leading exponents of his profession. A son of Jens and Marie Nielsen, he was born at Aalborg, Denmark on September 15, 1886. After having completed his public school education in Denmark and having traveled and studied extensively throughout Europe, Hans Nielsen came to America in 1915, graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1925 and began the practice of his profession in Chester with offices at 626 Edgmont Avenue. He met with well deserved success and has since come to be known as a leader in that branch of the healing arts. During the World War, Dr. Nielsen was stationed with the 153rd Depot Brigade at Camp Dix as drill sergeant. Because of his thorough knowledge of the Continental languages, Dr. Nielsen made himself invaluable to the United States Government and was held at Camp Dix for the entire duration of the war. On June 21, 1918, Dr. Nielsen took for his wife Alma

Heltborg, of Odense, Denmark. Dr. Nielsen is a member of the Masonic Order and the American Legion, while in a professional way he is affiliated with the Delaware County, Pennsylvania State and the National Chiropractic Associations. He takes active interest in the affairs of the Republican party. Dr. and Mrs. Nielsen make their home at 201 Grand Avenue, Woodland.

John J. Asbell, Doctor of Chiropractic, established himself in practice in Chester in 1921 with offices at 506 Edgmont Avenue. He was born October 5, 1893 at Paterson, New Jersey, the son of Sylvester J. and Amie (Anderson) Asbell. Dr. Asbell attended the public schools of Paterson and matriculated at the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Chiropractic in 1920. At the time he returned to Paterson to pass the State Board examinations and began the practice of his profession in Chester January 2, 1921. One of the best known and ablest Chiropractors of Delaware County, Dr. Asbell occupies a high place among the members of his profession. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State, National and Delaware County Chiropractic Associations, being president of the last named body. A Republican in politics, Dr. Asbell takes active interest in the affairs of his party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Noah's Ark branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Miss Elsie Banrose of Davenport, Iowa, became his wife in 1919, and they make their home at 201 East 7th Street, Chester.

Paul C. Crowther, M. D., represents the second generation of Delaware County physicians who have been connected with the medical profession. His father, Dr. Isaac Crowther a native of Rockdale, this county, for thirty five years was engaged in practice in Chester, where Dr. Paul C. Crowther was born December 8, 1898. His mother was Mary (Carr) Crowther who was born at Crum Lynne, Delaware County, and now makes her home with him. Dr. Paul C. Crowther received his fundamental education in the public schools of Chester and graduated from the high school here with the class of 1916. He was admitted to the pre-medical course at Haverford College and six years later emerged from Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, a Doctor of Medicine. He served as an interne at Crozer Hospital, Chester, and within a few years was appointed to the staff of that hospital. Dr. Crowther is physician to the inmates of the Delaware County prison and also conducted one of the Baby Clinics at the Chester Child Health Center for 5 years. He belongs to the Delaware County, the Tri-County, Pennsylvania State and American Medical Associations, the Pennsylvania Homeopathic Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy. Dr. Crowther is a Republican in politics and his religious affiliations are with the First Baptist Church in Chester. Dr. Crowther maintains his offices at 1121 Edgmont Avenue and resides at Wells Corner, Middleton Road.

John B. Klopp, M. D., can point with justifiable pride to an enviable record of active practice in Chester. Born in Philadelphia, June 5, 1901, he is the son of Charles J. and Elizabeth R. (Smith) Klopp. The father, born in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, settled in Philadelphia to engage in the practice of law, where he has enjoyed a long and creditable career. John B. Klopp received his education in the Philadelphia public schools, Pottstown High School, and his pre-medical training at Ursinus College at Collegeville, and was graduated from Hahnemann Medical School in 1925. Having served his internship at Crozer Hospital, he became engaged in practice at 1023 Edgmont Avenue, Chester. Through diligent application and professional ability, he has built for himself a place of repute among the younger members of the medical profession in Delaware County. He is now a member of the staff of Crozer Hospital. Dr. Klopp now has the rank of First Lieutenant in the Reserve Corp, 316th Infantry, 79th Division. Dr. Klopp married Miss Josephine Ditchfield of Chester. As a member of the Masonic Order, he stands well in fraternal circles, as well as in the County, State and National Medical Societies. Dr. and Mrs. Klopp are members of the Madison Street Methodist Church and they reside at 1810 Edgmont Avenue, Chester. Dr. Klopp has also been assistant school physician of the Chester Public Schools since 1929.

Charles E. Sanderson, was born at Newport, Perry County, March 25, 1870, the son of John and Mary (Wingert) Sanderson. At the beginning of John Sanderson's career he was a school teacher, later leaving that profession to enter the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as road supervisor. Charles Sanderson was educated in the public schools of Newport. Having finished school he became employed by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company in a retail store in his community. After a short while he came to Chester and became associated with the Chester Traction Company and remained with this company for twenty-eight years. The next twelve years were spent in the County Commissioners office and in 1919 he accepted the post of secretary of the Chester School Board, still holding this responsible position. Mr. Sanderson married Mary E. Hurry of Chester and to this union were born the following children: Lillian May and Jessie Oakes. Politically Mr. Sanderson is a Republican and fraternally he is a member of all Masonic bodies, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, the Junior and Senior Orders of the United American Mechanics. The Sandersons are communicants of the Providence Methodist Episcopal Church and reside at 15 East 16th Street, Chester.

Dr. Francis V. Bielski, has only been practicing in Chester for five years but in that time he has won a high place in his profession. He was born in Johnstown October 10, 1898, the son of Felix and Mary Bielski. Felix Bielski is a blacksmith by trade and is still active in Central City,

Pennsylvania. Francis Bielski attended the public schools of Johnstown, and took his pre-medical training at Duquesne University. He then matriculated in the College of Medicine at Temple University and graduated therefrom in 1925 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The ensuing year he spent as an interne at Chester Hospital and in 1926 he entered upon active practice of his profession and has since won a large and lucrative practice, for he holds a high place among his colleagues. During the World War Dr. Bielski was a member of the Reserve Officers Training School at Duquesne University. In 1925, he married Emily Zebrowski of Philadelphia and they have two children, Dolores and Francis Jr. Dr. Bielski is a member of the staff of Chester Hospital, the County, State and National Medical Societies, Philadelphia Medical Society, Royal Arcanum and the American Legion. He pledges his allegiance to the Republican Party. The Bielski family are parishioners of St. Hedwigs Roman Catholic Church and their residence is located at 527 East 9th Street.

Hugh H. Ward. Through the ramifications of his business connections of varied application and service, Hugh H. Ward has come to be recognized as one of the important factors in the commercial and financial life of Delaware County, and essentially of his home city of Chester. He is executive head of the H. H. Ward Company, director of the Delaware River Ferry Company, Chester Packing and Provision Company, the Delaware County Trust and the Marcus Hook National Bank. He is prominently identified with civic betterment movements in Chester and the county, as a member of the Zoning Board of Chester, City Planning Commission, Chairman of the Board of Appeals, a member of the Advisory Board of the Welfare Association and the Salvation Army, and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. Born in Philadelphia, December 31, 1866, son of John L. and Mary (Logan) Ward, Hugh H. Ward, as a boy attended the public schools of his native city. His rise in the financial world has been the result of application and ability until he now heads the firm bearing his name. The H. H. Ward Company was established in 1892, by Mr. Ward, as manufacturers of general sheet metal products and roofing of all kinds. In 1925 a department was added for the making of steel drums. The plant gives employment to 150 people in Chester. Officers of the company are: Hugh H. Ward, president; Harry H. Ward, first vice-president; A. Broomall Ward, second vice-president; Samuel B. Ward, third vice-president; J. F. Cullin, secretary and treasurer. Miss Letitia Baird Christie, now deceased, became the wife of Mr. Ward and their children are: Harry H., Alexander B., Samuel B., and Letitia. His clubs are the Chester, Brinton Lake, and Concord Country Clubs. He is past president of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Ward is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church and he makes his home at No. 3100 West Ninth Street, Chester.





In Memory of
ANTHONEY JOSEPH DI MEDIO, Esq.
By His Mother
Philomena Di Medio

Anthony J. DiMedio, Esq. One of the most promising careers in the legal profession was cut short by the untimely death of Anthony J. DiMedio. He was born January 15, 1906, in Minersville, Pennsylvania, a son of Nicholas and Philomena DiMedio, both natives of Italy. The parents were among the first Italian families to settle in Minersville, where the father engaged himself as a coal miner. After getting his start, he entered the rock and coal contracting business in the anthracite coal regions. He successfully pursued this occupation until his death on December 8, 1914. Anthony J. DiMedio was the youngest of seven children, the others being: Mamie, Dr. Joseph A. DiMedio, of whom more is contained elsewhere, Michael, Mary, Julia, Thresa and Anthony, the subject of this review. Anthony DiMedio was educated in the public schools of Minersville and while attending North East high school in Philadelphia, he entered the law offices of J. Francis Middletown McGuire, an eminent lawyer of Philadelphia. Here he read law and in 1925, Mr. DiMedio went to Florida, where he passed the state examinations and was admitted to the Bar of the State of Florida. He was the first Italian attorney to be admitted to practice in the State of Florida, as well as the youngest member of the profession in that state. He practiced in Florida for two years, returning to Pennsylvania in 1927, where he became associated with Mr. John E. McDonough, a prominent attorney of Chester, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1928. At the time of this event he was tendered a banquet at which there were one thousand guests in celebration of the occasion. He was also the first Italian to become a member of the Delaware County Bar. He was just becoming firmly entrenched in his profession, when he was stricken with his last illness and died at Mercy Hospital, May 2, 1929. That his passing was mourned by his contemporaries is evidenced by the tribute paid him by his associate, Mr. McDonough, who said in speaking of him: "He was a young man of unusual cleanliness of mind and habits and had a high professional code, and his passing is mourned by a great many people, many of whom were affiliated with him in many activities of his life, and particularly those of the members of the bar with whom he came in professional contact." And also the tribute paid him by Judge McDade, which is quoted in part: "He didn't appeal to me as being very strong physically, but did impress me as being very strong minded and gave promise of a very useful career as one of the younger members of our honored profession. Furthermore, we were attached to him because of our knowledge of his early history as a boy in the coal regions of our State and of Italian parentage, exemplifying as he did true American citizenship." Mr. DiMedio was a devout communicant of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, and a member of the Holy Name Society. He, with his brother, Dr. Joseph DiMedio, helped to organize the Federation of Italian Clubs of Delaware County, and served as its attorney.

George Eyre Darlington. For seventy-five years, has this venerable gentleman been a member of the Delaware County Bar. Mr. Darlington might be appropriately termed the "Dean of Delaware County Attorneys."

He was born August 20, 1832 in Chester Borough, a son of Edward and Ann Preston (Eyre) Darlington. The father, also a Delaware Countian, was a man of eminence and much respected in his community. He was a member of the United States Congress from 1831 to 1836, a one-time State's Attorney of the county and also a counselor for the county commissioners for many years. He came to Media in 1851 and died in November, 1890 at the advanced age of ninety-one years. The mother was a daughter of Preston Eyre of Chester, who was the first cashier of the Delaware County National Bank. George Darlington attended the public schools of Chester, a Moravian Boarding School located at Lititz, Penna., later entering his father's office in Media as a clerk and afterwards read law there, and was admitted to the Bar in 1856. During the Civil War, Mr. Darlington enlisted in Philadelphia with the 31st Pennsylvania "Grey Reserves," was commissioned a corporal and stationed in Harrisburg. Mr. Darlington, like his father is a former district attorney. In the early 90's, Mr. Darlington was appointed as the first referee in bankruptcy holding this office one term. He was at one time, for a period of forty years, the head of the Delaware Mutual Insurance Company of Chester, his father being one of the organizers and directors of the company. He has also been a delegate to two national Republican Conventions, one of which was held in Lancaster City, Penna. In 1897, Mr. Darlington married Ella Carpenter, who died in 1910. Mr. Darlington is now retired from all active affairs.

Charles A. Cummins, was born May 19, 1879 and has for many years been identified with the commercial activities of Delaware County. In 1917 he entered the real estate business in Chester, his offices being located in the Crozer building. In the intervening years, he has come to occupy a place of prominence and influence in the community. His clubs are the Keystone Masonic, Keystone Motor, Pennsylvania Lodge No. 709, Free and Accepted Masons, and the American Philaletic Society. In politics he is a Republican.

Harvey Allcut. Several types of business have been directed under the capable administration of Harvey Allcut, motor freight transporter of Chester and Marcus Hook. With few outside interests to divert him from his course, he is hewing out for himself a business career in Delaware County that bids fair to be outstanding in the modern favorite method of transportation. Mr. Allcut was born on May 1, 1895, the son of Andrew E. and Ida Allcut. The former resided in Delaware County during most of his life. Harvey Allcut attended the Franklin Public School and the Larkin Grammar School in Chester. After he completed his basic education, he left that field of endeavor to enter the furniture business at Third and Parker Streets, Chester. In 1920 the great demand for motor freight transportation opened new channels for him and he became interested in its possibilities. At present he handles all of the hauling for the James Storage & Warehouse Company

from his firm's headquarters at 251 Welsh Street, and in 1930 extended his activities to Marcus Hook when he bought the equipment and property of the Wildin Storage Company there, in February of that year. In addition he is the local sales agent for the Aerocar. Mr. Allcut has always preferred to devote his time to the increase of his business in which he has met with gratifying success. He is a loyal follower of the principles of the Republican Party. Mr. Allcut is unmarried and resides at 615 West Ninth Street, Chester.

Robert Miller Cox, D.D.S., was born November 26, 1876 the son of Edwin L. and Eliza J. (Wilson) Cox. He received his education in the public schools of his home and graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. He began to practice in Chester, where he has come to be recognized as one of the outstanding members of the Dental profession. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having served in the hospital division of the Second Division, Second Army Corps. He is a member of the Staff of Crozer and Chester hospitals, the Masonic fraternity, Chester Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of the Lu Lu Temple and other Masonic Clubs. He is also past president and member of the Chester and Delaware County Dental Societies, in addition to being a member of the State and National Dental Societies. Dr. Cox married Edith Driver Thomson and their children are: Marie Louise and Elinor Driver. Dr. and Mrs. Cox reside at Crum Lynne and they are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics, Dr. Cox is a staunch Republican.

Harry F. Krieg. Among the prominent and well-known manufacturers of Delaware County is Harry F. Krieg, who was born August 18, 1878, the son of August and Barbara (Lichty) Krieg. Mr. Krieg has for many years been identified with the commercial activities of the city of Chester, where he is a manufacturer of wood patterns under the firm name of the Chester Pattern Company, which is the largest of its kind in the county. He is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World, and a director of several Building and Loan Associations. Cecilia Ward Craig became the wife of Mr. Krieg and they are the parents of the following children: Harry F., a graduate of Pennsylvania Military College in the class of 1926; John A., Joseph A., and Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Krieg reside in Haverford Road, Crum Lynn, and they are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Krieg adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

John J. Cohill. Every community requires the services of public spirited men to interpret the law and decide many questions of financial and domestic relations that arise. This is particularly true in a large city, where the diversity of occupations and interests present new and different angles for dispute daily. John J. Cohill represents the finest type of citizenship and

faithfully performs the duties of his office. He was born September 8, 1892, a son of John and Hannah Cohill, the former of whom followed the trade of shipbuilder in Chester for many years. John J. Cohill attended the parochial school of the Immaculate Heart. At the age of eleven years, Mr. Cohill took his first position, as a worker in the George Hitzel Mills. Later, he learned the trade of hard wood finisher in the Farso Furniture Company, and he followed this occupation until he was twenty years old. The next two years were spent as a collector for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. The following years were spent in the employ of various concerns in Chester and vicinity until 1924, when he was appointed by Governor Pinchot as Alderman of the Eighth Ward in the city of Chester. Mr. Cohill is an ardent supporter of the Republican Party and his fraternal affiliations are with the Eagles, Owls, Moose and Ancient Order of Hibernians. Miss Margaret Cochran, who died December 24, 1928, became the wife of Mr. Cohill and they have two children. Mr. Cohill is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church and he resides at No. 214 Pusey Street, Chester.

James M. Hamilton. Few Delaware Countians have played as vital a part in community betterment than has James M. Hamilton. He was born in Montgomery County, September 11, 1864, a son of John and Margaret Hamilton. Since 1874, the name of Hamilton has been identified with the commercial life of Chester, in the manufacture of mill work, packing boxes and a general lumber business, with their plant located at Sixth and Barclay Streets. James M. Hamilton now heads the business founded by his father. Through his indefatigable efforts as County Commissioner, better roads and better bridges have been built throughout the county. Appointed by President Taft, he served his city as Postmaster. His election as County Commissioner in 1920 was the result of a bitter political battle, but he won his second term without opposition. In 1887 Mr. Hamilton married Pearl Valentine and they are the parents of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton make their home at Elwyn. In politics, Mr. Hamilton is a rock-ribbed Republican.

C. Kirk Miller, deceased, was born August 3, 1853, a son of James H. and Phoebe (Osborne) Miller, both of whom were natives of Delaware County. Kirk Miller attended the schools of North Chester and the Oak Grove School. After completing his schooling, he became an apprentice at the shop of Robert Chadwick where he learned his trade. In 1875, he established his own shop which he honorably conducted for over half a century. He was a member of the Chester School Board for a period of nine years and acted as a director in the Union Building and Loan Association. His fraternal affiliations were with the Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum and he was a member of the Good Will Fire Department. On November 28, 1877, he married Catherine Creighton, a daughter of Patrick and Jane (Scott) Creighton, and they became the parents of the following children: James H.; Creighton; Nelson and Frank. Creighton and Nelson are deceased. The Millers are attendants of the Church of Christ Scientist and Mrs. Miller maintains her residence at 20 East Sixteenth Street, Chester.

Ellis M. Butterworth, deceased, was one of the leading figures in the industrial and musical circles of Delaware County during his lifetime. He was a son of Ellis M. Butterworth Sr., who was a native of England and Mary Flynn Butterworth, a native of Ireland. Mr. Butterworth brought his family to America before the Civil War, locating in Delaware County in 1865, where he engaged in the woolen industry as boss dyer for the Crozer Mills in Upland. Ellis M. Butterworth Jr., was born in Philadelphia, May 15, 1856, where he made his home until removing to Delaware County with his parents. His education was received in the Gilbert School at Upland. Because of the death of his father, when he was still quite young, he was forced to leave school, in order to help support his mother. He found employment in the Crozer Mills where he worked as a weaver. He later went to Camden, New Jersey, to learn the dying trade, but returned to the Crozer Mills after a short time. Having learned the art of dyeing fabrics, he rapidly advanced in his occupation until at the time of his death he was foreman of the department of the Crozer Mills. He was widely known in Delaware County as a musician of great talent. He had previously studied the violin under Professor Hahn of Philadelphia. For many years Mr. William Davis and Mr. Butterworth conducted their own orchestra, and they participated at many important functions of the county. Interested in local municipal affairs and an ardent worker in the ranks of the Republican Party, he was chosen for many years to serve as judge of elections for Upland. Fraternally, he was connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Redmen. Mr. Butterworth was united in marriage to Miss Grace Nichols, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kay) Nichols, both natives of England. Mr. Nichols died while still living in England and Mrs. Nichols and her daughter came to the United States in 1873 and located in Upland. Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth are the parents of one son, Ellis M. III, born October 13, 1893, and now married to Rebecca Taylor. Mr. Butterworth's death on March 17, 1922, at his home, came as a great blow to his family and many friends. He was an energetic man, active in business and civic affairs, and a veritable pioneer in spirit. Mrs. Butterworth resides at 911 Parker Street, Chester.

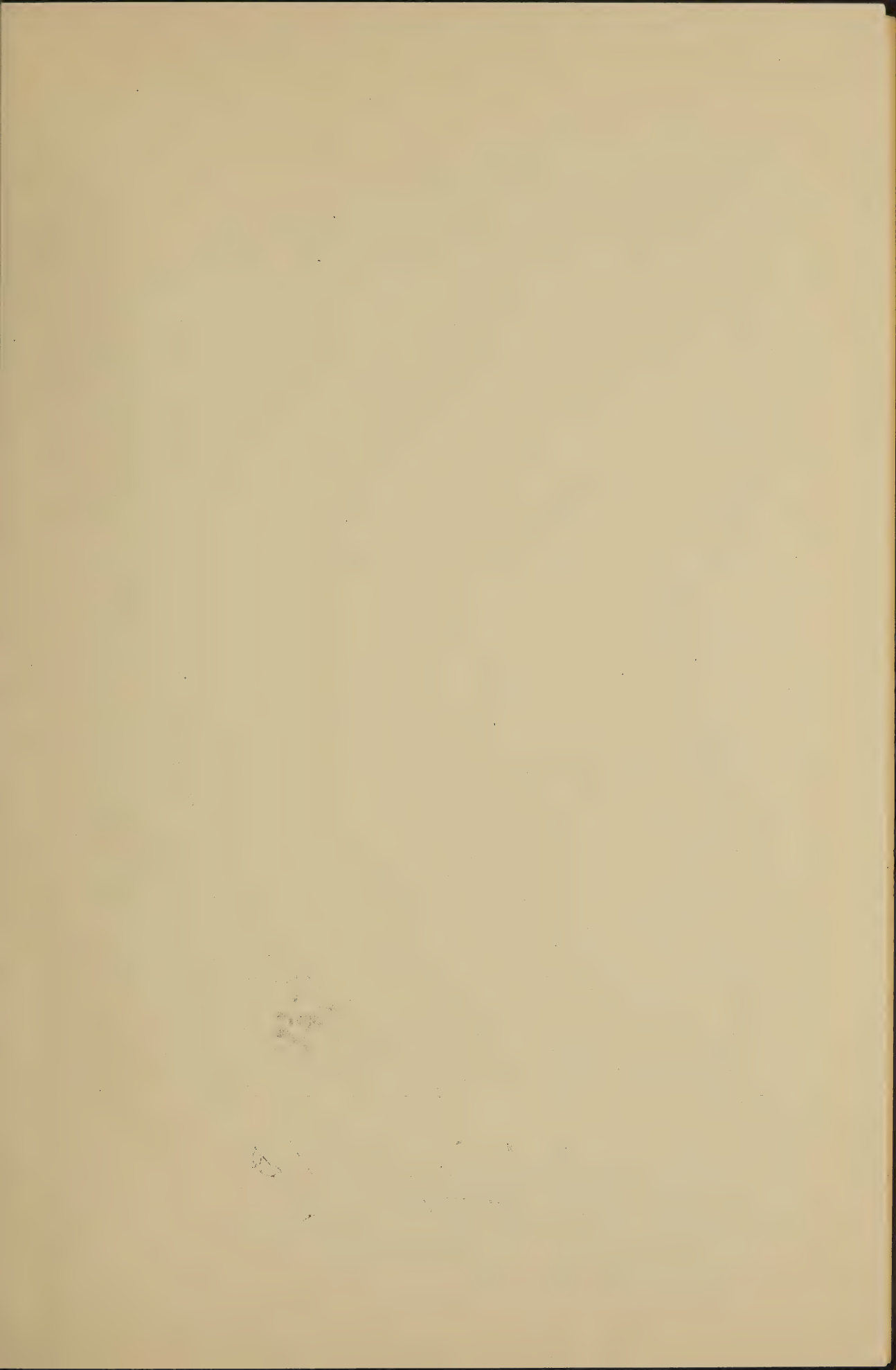
Charles H. Drewes, who is one of the Delaware County Commissioners was born September 25, 1881, the son of George S. and Harriet E. (Heaps) Drewes, both of whom are listed among the pioneer stock of Delaware County. After receiving his public school and academic education, Mr. Drewes learned the undertaking business and for many years has been one of the leading members of that profession in the county, and has served in the capacity of county coroner. In 1928, his popularity with the voting public won for him on the Republican ticket, the office of County Commissioner, which he now holds. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, University Chapter, Bloomsburg Consistory, and is a member of more than a score of fraternal societies. His clubs are the Brookline Square, Craftsman's, White Apron; and he is president of the Glendale Country Club and the Three Link Club. He has been the president

of the Darby Fire Company Number 1 for 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Drewes reside at 920 Main Street, Darby and they attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Robert Walter Beatty. The profession of the law recognizes in Robert W. Beatty one of its noteworthy and promising young men. Mr. Beatty, born June 23, 1894 is the son of R. Walter and Hettie (Bonsall) Beatty. Still in his first youth, we find him taking his place among the prominent men of Media. In addition to his ability as an attorney he is a director of the First National Bank of Media, and a prominent member of the Delaware County Bar Association, also the Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. During the World War he served in the Regular Army. He is a member of the George W. Bartram Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons Lodge No. 298, Ben Franklin, Craftsmen, Philadelphia Consistory, Lu Lu Shrine and Rolling Green Golf Club. Mr. Beatty is married to Marion Crothers, the daughter of Samuel Crothers and they make their home in Drexel Hill. He is a Republican and a communicant of the Episcopal faith.

Francis A. Collins, born October 29, 1898, is a man whose name can be found among those prominent in both the social and business worlds of Delaware County. He is the son of John T. Sr., and Eleanor Elizabeth (Hatch) Collins. Upon completing his schooling, Mr. Collins entered the real estate and general insurance business in Chester, and has won for himself a place of eminence and respect in his chosen field of endeavor. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Chester Real Estate Board, Chester Business Men's Association, and is past secretary of the Delaware County Insurance Advisory Board. Mr. Collins is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat. He resides at Brookhaven, Chester Township. Mr. Collins is unmarried.

Robert H. McCurdy. In the time that Mr. McCurdy has been treasurer and director of the Delaware River Steel Company, he has built up an enviable reputation for integrity of purpose, honesty of thought and deed, proved ability and wide experience. Robert H. McCurdy was born June 4, 1884, the son of Robert and Isabella (Porter) McCurdy. After receiving his fundamental education, he entered Yale University and graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. During the World War, he served with the rank of Captain in the 310th Field Artillery. Mr. McCurdy is a member of the board of directors of the Delaware County National Bank. His clubs are the Yale Club, New York City; Yale Club, Philadelphia; Rolling Green Golf, Racquet, Pine Valley, Penn Athletic, Philadelphia; Springhaven, and the Seaview Golf of Absecon. He is also a member of the Yale Engineering Society and the Delta Phi fraternity. Miss Mildred Robinson became the wife of Mr. McCurdy and they reside at "Lowdoon", their estate at Moylan. Mr. McCurdy is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics is a staunch Republican.





Joseph A. Di Medio M.D.

Joseph Andre DiMedio, counsellor, physician and friend. For a story of pluck and perseverance in the face of many discouragements; of a start in life that began at the bottom of the ladder in this great land of the free; of a career that led uphill as surely as the sun mounts up into the zenith; the life of Dr. Joseph DiMedio, today a leading citizen of Chester stands with few parallels among his associates. The big secret of success of many men is in knowing that they can succeed. They have a firm belief in themselves, in their work, in being unafraid and undaunted no matter what obstacles or disaster they may come up against. Such a man is Dr. DiMedio. Born May 3, 1896, the son of Nicholas and Philomena DiMedio of Minersville, Pa., Dr. DiMedio knew from birth the problems of the less fortunate, but undismayed, he determined to make a name for himself at any cost. Through his own effort he graduated from the Minersville high school in the class of 1914, the Pottsville Business college, and received the degree of doctor of medicine from Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, in 1919. He served his internship at Crozer Hospital, Chester, and in 1920 began the practice of his profession among his people in Chester. During his early years, he spent five years in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, having charge of a division during the latter years. While he was in college, he worked nights in the machine shops of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, attending his classes in the day time. It was his ambition to have and own a hospital to care for his patients and starting on a pitifully small scale he opened such a place in September, 1925. The original institution contained but four beds, two nurses to care for the patients and inadequate equipment. But it was a start in the right direction. The hospital was appropriately named "Mercy Hospital" and in the last six years under the able guidance of Dr. DiMedio, as chief of staff, it has been put on a paying basis and has grown with gratifying results until now, Mercy Hospital occupies the entire floor space located at 811 West Third Street, and is equipped with twenty beds, four nurses, a technician, one junior interne, modern X-Ray, laboratory and operating rooms and the latest physio-therapy equipment. In 1929 Mercy Hospital was recognized and approved by the American Medical Association. During the year 1926 Dr. DiMedio was honored by the Italian government for his labors among the Italian people and three months later received a similar citation from France, the only citizen of Chester to be so honored. Dr. DiMedio recently established a DiMedio scholarship in Medicine at the Hahnemann Medical College, which pays the expenses of one boy a year at the college. He is a member of the county, state and national medical societies, Hahnemann Institute as well as the Elks, Eagles, West End Business Men's Association, Young Men's Christian Association and the Sons of Italy. He was one of the principal organizers of the many clubs in Delaware County for Italians, in which over ten thousand Italians join in the movement for the betterment of their people throughout the county. Dr. DiMedio also takes active interest in the political welfare of the Republican Party. His wife is Myda R. Thomas of Coraopolis, and their children are Helen and Mary. The DiMedio family are members of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

Albert H. Hughes, City Assessor, was born in Philadelphia, February 14, 1871, a son of Joshua K. and Hannah (Lauch) Hughes, both of whom are deceased. The father spent his entire life in Philadelphia where he was successfully engaged in the paperhanging business. Albert H. Hughes attended the public schools of Philadelphia. Following this, he entered the employ of the Prudential Insurance Company in the Chester office, an organization with which he continued for eighteen years, until he took office as a member of the City Council, which he held for six years. In 1916, his ability and popularity with the voters of Chester won for him the election to the office of City Controller. Eight years later he was elected City Assessor, the office he now holds. Mr. Hughes is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Americans. He resides at No. 141 East Twenty-third Street, Chester.

Ernest Uff. No account of the history of industrial development, civic enterprise and fraternal organizations in Delaware County would be complete without reviewing the career of Ernest Uff, Chester manufacturer. A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Uff was born in that city on May 29, 1870, the son of Frederick and Regina (Rauber) Uff. In the period immediately following the Civil War the air ventilator was the most popular and effective substitute for modern ice plants and refrigeration. Frederick Uff was associated in the air and ice machinery business in Philadelphia during most of his life. His son, Ernest Uff, received his education in the Philadelphia Public Schools and became interested in mechanical pursuits at an early age. Through continuous application in his chosen field of endeavor he has created the Machine and Boiler Works at Fifth and Pusey Streets, Chester, which have become among the largest and most widely known of their kind in Delaware County. The high standards of workmanship maintained by Mr. Uff, and the installation of modern equipment that makes possible the most effective results, has made this firm outstanding. In addition, the contacts Mr. Uff has made through the National Association of Stationary Engineers, of which he is an officer, place him in a position of national prominence. He is interested in all measures for community improvement, and does a great service for the maintenance of law and order as deputy sheriff, and as a member of the Felton Fire Company in the preservation and protection of property. His fraternal affiliations include the Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Pythias, the Masons in which is identified with the Consistory, Lu Lu Shrine and the Lu Lu Shrine Choir. Mr. Uff was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Kammerer, and eight children were born to them. They are: Ernest Jr.; Valentine; Anna N.; Amelia; Magdalene Uff Frings; Marie Uff Alexander; Regina C. and Marshall P. The family residence is located at Drexel Hill.

James H. Lafferty. The duties of Chief of Police of Radnor Township, in the care of Mr. Lafferty since 1923 are supervised by him in a business-like manner, and the increasing responsibilities of that office have in him

an able custodian. He was born October 29, 1898 at Elkins Park, Montgomery County, the son of Thomas A. and Susanna (Maidens) Lafferty. Thomas Lafferty, a native of Ireland came to America as a young man, settling in Montgomery County later moving to Radnor, where he still makes his home. Mrs. Lafferty is a native of England. James Lafferty received his education in the public schools of Montgomery County and Drexel Institute. At the beginning of the World War, he answered the call to arms and enlisted as a private in the First Engineers of the First Division, spending twenty-three months on the battlefields of Europe. After being honorably discharged from service, he returned to his home and joined that famous body of law enforcement, the Pennsylvania State Police and remained with this organization until his appointment to his present office in 1923. Mr. Lafferty is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Shrine and the Main Line Kiwanis Club. His active military career is being supplemented by relationship with the Chester Company of the Pennsylvania National Guards where he holds the rank of First Lieutenant. Mr. Lafferty married Miss Charlotte A. Beckett of Washington, D. C., and their religious affiliations are with Old St. Davids Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty make their home at 513 Brookside Avenue, St. Davids.

Frank Hylan Anthony, whose death occurred November 14, 1927, was for many years prominently identified with the industrial circles of Chester. A son of Jacob and Rebecca Stauffer Anthony, he was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania November 7, 1878. After obtaining a public school education in Lancaster, he removed to Chester and for three years was employed by the American Steel Casting Company. He was then invited to accept the position of construction engineer for the Pennsylvania Steel Casting Company, and he remained with this company until the time of his death. Mr. Anthony was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church, and was fraternally identified with the Masonic Order, United Order of American Mechanics, Knights of Malta, Workmen of the World and was Past Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On June 13, 1897 Miss Amanda Atkinson became the wife of Mr. Anthony. She is a daughter of Stephen R. and Sarah (Johnson) Atkinson, the former of whom was a wheelwright by trade and a veteran of the Civil War. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony: George W., who served in the Navy during the World War; Anna R.; Frank H.; and Fred H., deceased. Mrs. Anthony maintains her residence at 118 East 23rd Street, Chester.

Edward Augustus Price. The place of "first citizen" in any community may be accorded to a man, by public sentiment and general consent for various reasons, and in the case of the late Edward Augustus Price of Chester, it was a tribute to a high order of ability and incorruptible integrity. As cashier of the First National Bank of Media, and later as acting manager of the Royal Storage Company of Philadelphia, Mr. Price was numbered among the leading business men and financiers of the county, and in public

spirited enterprise in regard to community affairs, he ranked second to none. Edward A. Price was born September 2, 1864, son of William Gray born at Chester March 4, 1828 and Jane Eliza Campbell Price born at Rockdale, Delaware County Aug. 28, 1837. William G. Price is a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in Delaware County. His was one of the colorful careers in adventurous days. In 1848 he joined in the gold rush to California by sailing a vessel around the Horn. Enroute, the party stopped at Rio de Janeiro, and there Mr. Price had the privilege to be presented to the Emperor and Empress Don Pedro. Upon his return to Chester, he took his rightful place among the captains of industry and finance. He at one time served as post master for the city of Chester. Mrs. Price's father, James Campbell of Stockport, England, operated one of the first mills in Chester. Edward A. Price received his education in private schools of Chester, and before his graduation in 1880, was appointed by John A. Wallace as a clerk in the Chester Postoffice. On November 4, 1884, he accepted a position as clerk in the First National Bank of Media. Being a natural student, he concentrated his energies on acquiring all the knowledge possible concerning the banking business and his efforts were rewarded by being advanced to bookkeeper, and on September 2, 1902, was made teller and cashier. He resigned from this position January 1, 1903 to enter into a partnership with his brother, Major William G. Price and was executive head of the Royal Storage Company of Philadelphia until the time of his death which occurred April 4, 1924 at Chester, in his 60th year. After his entrance into the world of commerce, Mr. Price was not long in taking his place as one of its leading business men, and in community affairs, he took an active interest. He served for a period of five years, in Company B, 6th Regiment, of the Pennsylvania National Guards. The other interests of Mr. Price included membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch No. 258, serving as its secretary for twenty-one years, Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Mr. Price married November 16, 1892, Nellie Shaw born at Chester, Oct. 4, 1866, daughter of John born at Lees, England, Oct. 26, 1826 and died at Chester September 6, 1904 and Mary (Buckley) Shaw, also of Lees, England who was born there April 27, 1828. They located in Chester in 1865 and Mr. Shaw was one of the founders of the famous Powhattan Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Price were the parents of one daughter, Helen Shaw Price, born in Media in 1904, a graduate of Sargeants School at Cambridge, Mass., and now a teacher of physicial education in the high schools of Scranton. The death of Mr. Price was mourned by the entire community as that of a man whose daily life had presented an example of every public and private virtue, and whose endearing personal qualities had surrounded him with devoted friends. The record of Edward Augustus Price is one eminently worthy of preservation, for it is that of an honorable business man and a patriotic citizen.

Guy G. De Fieria. A lawyer of fine attainments and high standing in his locality, Guy G. De Fieria was born in Philadelphia, November 13, 1904,

the son of Frank E. and Anna M. (Santora) De Fieria, both natives of Italy. Frank E. DeFieria emigrated to America in 1890, located in Chester and favorably established himself as a private banker. Guy G. De Fieria attended the public schools of Chester, entering the University of Pennsylvania in 1921 to receive his A.B. degree four years later and his L.L.B. degree in 1928. He was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of law in Chester that same year. Mr. De Fieria married Caroline Casaccio of Lansdowne and they are the parents of one daughter, Ann. He is a member of the Masonic Order, B. P. O. E., Exchange Club, Sons of Italy, Lawyers Club of Delaware County and the Order of Coif. His college fraternities are the Alpha Delta and the Phi Beta Kappa. On July 1, 1931 Mr. DeFieria was appointed Assistant District Attorney. Mr. and Mrs. De Fieria are communicants of the Presbyterian Church.

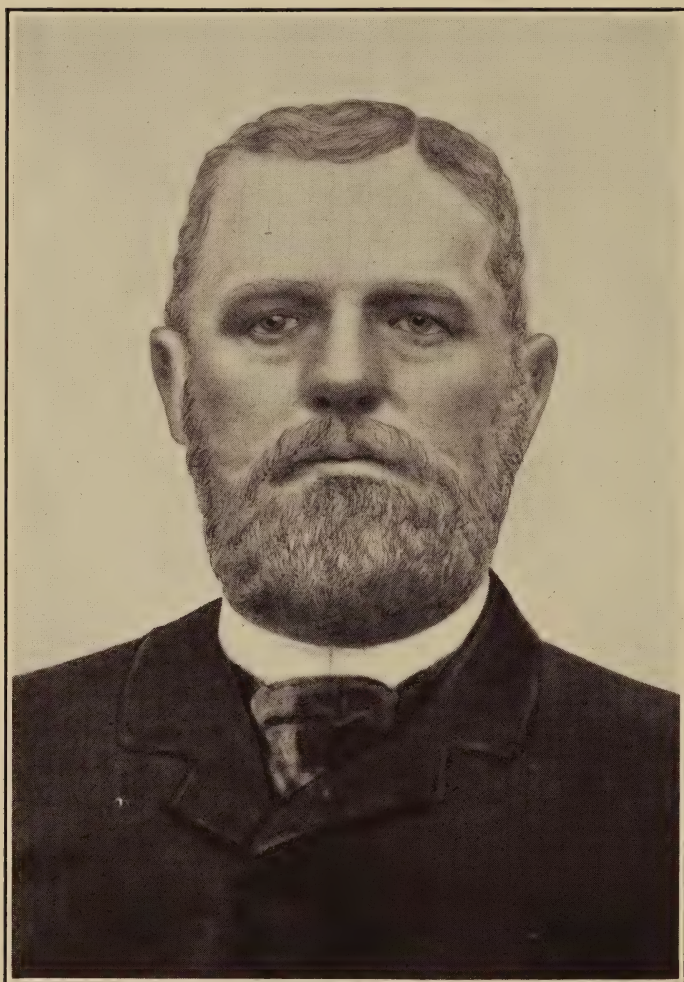
J. DeHaven Ledward. Pennsylvania has produced some of the nation's best known lawyers and others while they have not sought national recognition, are recognized in their communities as among America's most able men. Among the latter might be named J. DeHaven Ledward of the firm of Hinkson, Ledward and Hinkson, as a man who has now completed his twenty-fifth year of continuous practice before the Delaware County Bar and whom constituents know not only as an exceptionally capable attorney, but as a man who has devoted much of his efforts to the advancement of his community. J. DeHaven Ledward was born in the city of Chester on November 22, 1881, the son of John J. and Laura A. (Brooks) Ledward. John J. Ledward was a prominent manufacturer of cotton and woolen goods in Chester. J. DeHaven Ledward attended the public schools of Chester, also the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania and was admitted to the Bar in September 1905. The remarkable success that he has achieved in the intervening years has been exemplified by his present interest in financial circles and civic welfare as well as by his extensive practice before the bar. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware County Bank and the Pennsylvania Title and Trust Company, president of the Kiwanis Club of Chester and the Young Men's Christian Association. His fraternal affiliations are with the L. H. Scott Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Chester Chapter and Commandery, Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. He enjoys the recreational and social facilities afforded by the Springhaven Country, Chester and Penn Clubs. His religious faith is that of the Protestant Episcopal Church and he is a Republican in his political convictions. Mr. Ledward makes his home at Twenty-first Street and Providence Road, Chester.

Clement J. McGovern. Though he is prominent and esteemed for his multifarious interests and achievements, Clement J. McGovern is known chiefly for his ability in the legal profession and his enviable record as assistant district attorney. Mr. McGovern was born August 19, 1901, of Delaware County pioneer stock, the son of John E. and Mary (Messick) Mc-

Govern. John E. McGovern, born in Upland, has spent his entire life in creditable public service. His financial interests lay in the retail clothing business which he has successfully maintained for many years, and the directorship of the Delaware County Trust Company, while his service to the community in which he lives is devoted to the work of the Board of Prison inspection. Clement J. McGovern attended the public schools of Chester and the Notre Dame Convent in Philadelphia, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Joseph's College in 1923 and his education in law from the University of Pennsylvania in 1926. Returning to Chester, he became associated with William J. MacCarter with offices located at 502 Crozer Building. Mr. McGovern's gratifying success in his chosen field of endeavor is evidenced by his election to the responsible office of assistant district attorney. Active in financial affairs, he is a director of the Prospect Park State Bank. The Exchange Club, Franklin Fire Company, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Law Club of Delaware County number Mr. McGovern among their members. He enjoys the recreational facilities offered by the Springhaven and Brinton Lake Country Clubs. Mr. McGovern pledges allegiance to the Republican Party and he is a communicant of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. He makes his home at 417 East 13th Street, Chester.

William J. McClure. In the annals of Marcus Hook no other citizen has achieved the position in the hearts and minds of his fellows, or worked so untiringly for the best interests of that borough than William J. McClure, who for the last twelve years held the office of burgess there. His parents were Andrew McClure, who came to the United States from Ireland with his family when he was two years old, making Philadelphia their home, and Susan (Long) McClure of that city. William McClure was born there on May 21, 1876. The McClures moved to Delaware County shortly afterwards, where Andrew McClure entered the retail liquor business. William McClure obtained his education in the Delaware County Public Schools and learned the trade of ship-joiner. This occupation was a profitable one in Chester because of the large and prominent ship-yards there. Preferring to become independent in business, and finding in Marcus Hook an excellent center for a hostelry, he established and conducted the Marcus Hotel here. The high standards of service as well as his fine personality made him an outstanding character in the activities of Marcus Hook. These traits were notably evident during the period of the World War when he devoted much of his time to the interests of the United States and was singled out by the Marcus Hook Post of the American Legion to be a recipient of a Distinguished Service Certificate and is an honorary member of the legion. In 1920 he retired from business so as to be able to serve the community as a public official. During three terms, or for twelve years, he was Chief Burgess of Marcus Hook, and executed the duties of that responsible post with remarkable administrative ability and a keen sense of the legislation and practice necessary for the growing needs of his constituency. He is a loyal and staunch





WILLIAM JAMES

adherent to the ideals of the Republican Party, and his church affiliation is Presbyterian. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks count him as one of their most active members. Mr. McClure married Miss Hilary Wildman of Philadelphia and their residence is located at 1012 Washington Street, Marcus Hook. No civic or social movement, in fact no new institution in this borough is considered well on its way to success without the advice and co-operation of William J. McClure.

William James, deceased, was for many years a well-known business man and leading citizen of Delaware County. He was born near Media, May 31, 1842, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Worrall) James, where he attended the schools of the community. Upon completing his education, he entered his father's milling business and subsequent to the latter's death in 1888 took over the active management together with his brother, John, and continued in that capacity until his demise which occurred October 10, 1892. Mr. James was a veteran of the Col. Hawley Regiment of the Civil War, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served as a member of the school board of Thornbury Township for many years. On February 22, 1877, Miss Frances Groce, daughter of Daniel and Ann Groce, became the wife of Mr. James. Two daughters were born to this union: Lila Pancoast, who died in 1926, and was married to A. R. Chaney, and were the parents of five children; William J.; Jesse S.; Harold E.; F. Leonell and Rowland P.; and A. Estela, married to Jethro Johnson of Media, who is now retired from the milling business, and they are the parents of two children; William J. and Eleanor C. Mr. James was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, a citizen of material worth to his community and well liked by those who knew him.

Harold Donald McDowell, President of the W. S. McDowell Company, was born March 29, 1891, the son of Wesley S. and Elizabeth (Law) McDowell. Wesley S. McDowell, now deceased, will be remembered as one of the most beloved citizens of Chester ever to hold public office. He was born May 12, 1860, and died April 6, 1920. During his lifetime he established the business bearing his name, and in the hectic days of war served the community which was so dear to him with distinction and great honor as mayor from 1916 to 1920. He rendered his country invaluable service as chairman of Draft Board No. 2. Among his clubs and fraternal organizations were the various bodies of the Masonic order, Patriotic Order Sons of America and Kiwanis Club of Chester, of which he was an original member. He was for seventeen years, president of the Felton Fire Company. He served on the city council, was County Treasurer, president of the school board and a delegate to the Republican National Convention held in St. Louis, and was also president of the Pennsylvania National Bank of Chester. In religion, he was a Methodist. Mrs. McDowell still makes her home in Chester. Following in his father's footsteps, Harold D. McDowell serves as director and president of his firm and as director in

the Pennsylvania National Bank. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Patriotic Order of Sons of America. Among his clubs are the Chester, Springhaven Country, and Keystone Masonic. Mr. McDowell married May Williams and they reside at 207 West Twenty-fourth Street, Chester. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell attend the South Chester Methodist Church.

William Taylor. The most important services a citizen is called upon to render his community, and one which requires tact, good judgment and attention to detail are those included in the duties of the office of District Attorney. In Delaware County those qualifications are met in the person of William Taylor, who from 1919 to 1927 held that office. Mr. Taylor was born on October 17, 1875, at Edgmont, this county, the son of Caleb M. Marshall and Susan (Jones) Taylor. The Taylor family have long been distinguished in civic and social activities of this section of Pennsylvania. Since his admission to the bar, Mr. Taylor has distinguished himself as an extremely able attorney and a leading member of the bar in Pennsylvania. Ellen W. Haines became the wife of Mr. Taylor and their children are: William Jr., and Eleanor Williams. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, Past Master of George W. Bartram Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Past High Priest of the Media Chapter and a member of the Lu Lu Temple. He is a member of the Delaware County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the Delaware County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor attend the Friend's Meeting in Media where they make their home.

William J. Toppin. In the complexity of modern life, personalities who identify themselves with the growing institutions of the times, render invaluable services to the communities in which it is their fortune to serve. William J. Toppin has been connected with the great Pennsylvania Railroad Company in many capacities until he is now the Passenger and Baggage Agent of that transportation system in Chester. He was born here on June 17, 1884, a son of William H. Toppin, car inspector who has spent most of his life in Chester, and Anna M. Toppin. Both of them reside here. On May 8, 1908, William J. Toppin, their son, first became identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as junior clerk at Paschall Station, adjacent to Philadelphia. He remained there for nine years and on August 14, 1917, was appointed extra agent on the Maryland Division of the company's lines. The unprecedented increase in traffic during the period of the World War was felt particularly in the Atlantic seaboard states. Mr. Toppin opened the station at Essington on February 22, 1918, and directly afterwards was made acting agent of Delaware City, Del. His activities in this position were many and arduous. The great industrial establishments in the community increased the freight transported, and it was one of Mr. Toppin's tasks to facilitate the traffic movements of the company. Later he became acting agent at Newport and Newark, Delaware, and after the

war period ended he resumed his regular duties as extra agent, including some special appointments until April 16, 1928. On that date he was made passenger and baggage agent for the Chester District, comprising such stations as Chester proper, Baldwin, Eddystone, Trainer and Marcus Hook. Mr. Toppin has become intimately associated with fraternal and social life in Delaware County. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Improved Order of Redmen, Odd Fellows, Order of Independent Americans, and in Masonry is affiliated with the Philadelphia Consistory, the Lu Lu Shrine and the Lu Lu Shrine Club of Delaware County. He enjoys the companionship of his contemporaries in the Alpha Boat Club. Mr. Toppin is married to Miss Sarah J. Stinson and they are the parents of two children. The family reside in Chester where they have made many friends.

William A. Burns, who resides on Middletown Road in Media, has been practising law in the County Building there since 1930. Although just acclimating himself to professional work he is showing remarkable capacity, and the possibilities of future leadership among the members of the bar of Delaware County. A son of William Burns, Sr., at present a resident of Media, who is widely known in Delaware County, notably in Chester where he was born, and of Beulah (Arment) Burns, deceased, William A. Burns, received his elementary education in the Chester Public Schools. In preparation for Swarthmore College he studied in the Chester High School and then entered the former institution, graduating with the class of 1924. His legal training he obtained at University of Pennsylvania and the Temple University Law School. After completing the course there in 1929 he was admitted to practice at the Delaware County Bar. He has developed many contacts through the Delaware County Bar Association, the Chester Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Number 236, the Philadelphia Consistory, and the Acacia Club, all of which include him among their members. Politically he has identified himself with the Republican Party, and his religious affiliation is with the Madison Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Media.

James Todd Stewart. This venerable citizen of Lansdowne, Delaware County, has participated in almost every industrial, social and civic improvement plan that has come to the attention of the citizens of this vicinity for more than half a century. The parts he has taken are those of a forceful, far-seeing civic leader to whom no effort for the increase of human happiness is too great. Mr. Stewart was born in 1860, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Anderson) Stewart. In his youth he showed promise of the great public benefactor that he was to become, and as he grew to manhood his name was synonymous with modern, progressive methods in every phase of community life. For thirty years he owned and operated the great Calidonian Mills, where he became known as a wise and just executive, whose plans for the happiness of his associates and employees were paramount. An educator, he served as treasurer of the Lansdowne School Board for twenty-three years, with great sympathy and an ambition to bring to the children in

the schools the best advantages that could be afforded in instruction and equipment. The Philadelphia Textile School defers to his suggestions in the problems that come to them through their advisory board on which they are fortunate to have Mr. Stewart as a representative. In finance, he is identified with the Board of Directors of the Lansdowne National Bank. But it is in the civic affairs of the borough and county that Mr. Stewart takes the greatest interest and pleasure. To him is due the appreciation of men, women and children of the community for his constant labor in their interests that resulted in the playground movement, and subsequently those fine recreational centers for the young people of Lansdowne. In other respects he typifies the ideal American citizen. He served as president of the Fire Company for twenty years and staunchly supported the Republican Party in many political campaigns. His fellow-citizens realize their indebtedness to him, and the value of his leadership in the affairs of Lansdowne and Delaware County. Their confidence in him is evidenced by the fact that they have chosen him to serve as burgess during three successive terms, and then county controller, the position which he now holds. The fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated are the Masons, the LuLu Temple and Philadelphia Consistory. He also holds membership in the Society of St. Andrew. The sport that he enjoys most is baseball. Mr. Stewart married Miss Ray R. Tindall, and their children are S. Scott, Wallace T., and Elizabeth Stewart, now Mrs. William Stoll. Mr. Stewart has offices in the court house at Media and the family residence is located in Lansdowne.

Hugh Bonner. One of the popular younger members of the legal profession in Delaware County is Hugh Bonner, who was born August 10, 1905, at Swarthmore, the son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Jowett) Bonner. Thomas Bonner was born in Philadelphia, but spent most of his life in Delaware County. He is a former justice of the peace and tax collector in Springfield Township. Retiring some years ago, he moved to Philadelphia where he now makes his home. Mrs. Bonner is a native of England who came to this country at an early age. Hugh Bonner was educated in the Oakdale public schools and graduated from the Media High School in the class of 1923. He received his education in law at Temple University, completing his course in 1929. After having been admitted to the bar, he became associated with Robert Beatty, Esq., of Media, and has met with splendid success in the practice of his profession. Mr. Bonner's interests are many and varied. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Artisans, Lawyers Club of Delaware County, Law Academy of Philadelphia, Institute of Science, Delaware County Historical Society, Temple Alumni Association, Media Tennis Club, Delaware County Bar Association and is actively interested in the affairs of the Methodist Church of Media, serving on the official board and is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Social Union of Philadelphia. With all of this, his intense interest in young boys allows him to find time to act on the executive committee of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Bonner makes his home at 445 East Franklin Street, Media.

Albert E. Holl, attorney, is unquestionably one of the foremost citizens of Media, where he is engaged in the successful practice of his profession. He is the son of Emil and Annie F. (Kampen) Holl. Emil Holl, now deceased was for many years a jeweler in Media, and prominent in the affairs of the community. Mrs. Holl still makes her home in Media. Albert E. Holl attended the public schools of Media, graduating from high school in the class of 1898. Subsequently he entered the offices of Frank B. Rhodes, a prominent financier and attorney to read law. After gaining admission to the bar, he established himself in practice and has since been actively engaged in the legal profession where he has met with gratifying success. Mr. Holl is Referee of Bankruptcy for the Delaware County District. Miss Elizabeth Meredith became the wife of Mr. Holl and they became the parents of six children: Elizabeth, Eleanor, Albert E., Jr., Ann, Ruth and Robert. Mr. Holl is a member of the Swimming and Rowing Club of Media, the Media Fire Company, Third Degree Knights of Columbus, and the Isaac Walton League of America. Mr. and Mrs. Holl are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church and they reside at 311 South Avenue.

C. William Kraft, Jr. Among the men who have worked industriously, not only for their own advancement, but also for the benefit of their communities, must be mentioned C. William Kraft, Jr. He was born in Philadelphia, December 14, 1903, the son of C. William and Wilhelmina J. (Doerr) Kraft. The father was born in Germany and coming to America with his parents when he was five years of age, they located in Massachusetts, where he later became identified with the stone and marble cutting business. Sometime afterwards he removed to Pennsylvania. C. William Kraft, Jr., received his education in the grade schools of Clifton Heights, graduated from the Lansdowne High School in the class of 1920, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania where he received the degree of A.B. in 1924 and L.L.B. in 1927. After his admission to the bar, he became associated with Robert W. Beatty, Esq., of Media, where he has rapidly come to the fore in legal circles. In 1928, immediately after he began practicing, he was appointed assistant district attorney by William J. MacCarter, Esq. Mr. Kraft has been a Republican member of the Clifton Heights Borough Council since 1925. He is identified fraternally with the Fernwood Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Chester and the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He is also a member of the Delaware County and Pennsylvania State Bar Associations and his religious convictions are those of the Episcopal faith. Mr. Kraft makes his home at 404 North Oak Avenue, Clifton Heights.

Harold L. Ervin, a Delaware County attorney has been a member of the Pennsylvania Bar since 1921. He was born in Catawissa, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1895, the son of Isaac Gordon and Martha (Brown) Ervin. Isaac Ervin, a printer by occupation was born in Catawissa, later moving to Washington, D. C. He married Miss Martha Brown of Luzerne County, both

of whom are now deceased. Harold Ervin received his elementary education in the public schools of his home and in 1916 received his A.B. degree from Temple University and his L.L.B. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1920. After he was admitted to the Delaware County Bar, he became associated with the firm of Lutz, Ervin, Reeser and Fronefield located at 11 South Olive Street, Media. During the World War Mr. Ervin served as second lieutenant with the Third officers Training School, stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland and later at Camp Lee. Mr. Ervin married Miss Ruth Erdman. To this union have been born two children: Harold LeRoy, Jr., and Roger Bodine. Politically, Mr. Ervin adheres to the principles of the Republican party and fraternally and socially is a member of all branches of the Masonic order, Sigma Phi fraternity and the Delaware County Craftsmen club. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin make their home at 829 Childs Avenue, Drexel Hill.

William J. McDowell. A pioneer business establishment in Chester is the McDowell Dry Goods Store at Second and Morton Streets, with which William J. McDowell has been connected for more than a quarter of a century. He was born here on September 8, 1878, the son of Thomas A. McDowell, a contracting plasterer, and Susan (McCoy) McDowell. William McDowell received his fundamental education in the South Chester Public Schools. His mother opened the retail dry goods business in 1890, and it was then one of the few stores of its kind in the vicinity. The reputation she attained for accurate judgment of quality of material, her high principles of salesmanship and willingness to attend to many details of business, won for her the esteem and confidence of a large clientele. In 1904, William McDowell, her son, cast his interests with those of his mother, and the business prospered and became widely known. Six years later the increased demands upon the firm made it imperative that they find new quarters, and the business house, which continues to be conducted at 1908 West Third Street, was opened. The modern methods and fine type of merchandise offered by Mr. McDowell place him among the progressive business men of Chester. His realization of the necessity of co-operation and exchange of ideas is evidenced in his relation to the West End Business Men's Association, in which he serves as chairman of one of the committees. Mr. McDowell was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. McCarthy, a daughter of John and Mary (Sullivan) McCarthy. Two sons, William John and John Laurence, were born to this union. The family reside at their business address in Chester where they have many friends.

William I. Boulden. There is always opportunity for ambitious and energetic men, and when they are equipped with mental alertness their advancement is inevitable. William I. Boulden is of this group. He was born in Chester on August 21, 1878, a son of William M. Boulden, at one time a ship-fitter at Roach's Shipyard and Mary C. (Baxter) Boulden. His fundamental education was acquired in the schools of South Chester, which



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since the incorporation of that neighborhood with the city of Chester, are now known as the Dewey and Horace Mann schools. When he was sixteen years of age he obtained a position in Trainer's Cotton Mill and remained there until an opportunity to work under the direction of his father in Roach's Shipyard presented itself. From 1894 to 1898 he was occupied there. During the two years intervening before the beginning of the Twentieth Century, he served as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. With the beginning of the new century he joined his father who had embarked on an independent business enterprise, and organized the firm of William M. Boulden & Sons in 1897. In a small way they began the manufacture of iron fencing, for a time using the wagon shed in the rear of their property at Fourth and Morton Streets. In the summer time much of the work was accomplished under the apple trees in the back yard. The volume of business increased to such an extent that the old quarters were no longer adequately fitted for the work so the firm located at its present site, Front and Yarnall Streets. William M. Boulden died in 1907 and his two sons, William I. and Herbert D. Boulden remained in charge of the business. The demand for iron fencing and allied products has increased rapidly so that it has been necessary to add to the list of manufactures. As a result, cellar doors, fire escapes, guards and general ornamental iron work is turned out here, and as many as ten men are employed by the firm. This remarkable development can be accounted for by the keen foresight of Mr. Boulden and his brother, and the realization that substantial success depends upon a firm foundation and steady growth. He is actively identified with the South Chester Methodist Church and enjoys the companionship of many friends in numerous fraternal organizations. Included in the latter are Lodge Number 281 of the P. O. S. of A. and the Mocoponaca Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is co-operative in business circles as is shown in the membership he holds with the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Boulden married Miss Kathryn Schofield, daughter of Edward and Florence (Miller) Schofield, and they reside at 713 Jeffrey Street, Chester, where they have many friends.

Honorable William T. Ramsey, former Mayor of Chester, served in the legislature of this state during four successive terms. He was born in Philadelphia on January 8, 1873, and his parents were William Ramsey, a native of Delaware, and Katherine (Johnson) Ramsey of Philadelphia. William Ramsey, Senior, spent the greater part of his life in Chester where he was actively connected with the Eddystone Manufacturing Company.

William T. Ramsey received his fundamental education in the public schools of Eddystone and Chester in preparation for the services that he was to be called upon to render this city, county and state. For twenty years after leaving the schoolroom, he was identified with the Consumers Ice & Coal Company. In recognition of the progressive methods he instituted in business, and because he was a man of great personal worth, his friends in

Delaware County urged him to become a candidate for Assemblyman in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. He was elected on the Republican ticket and subsequently sat in the legislature in 1913, 1915, 1917 and 1919. In 1920 he was nominated and elected Mayor of Chester, a position that he held with dignity, and whose responsibilities he discharged with good judgment and to the best interests of the community. The years of unselfish devotion to the cause of better government have placed Mr. Ramsey in an enviable position among leading personalities of Delaware County. During the eight years that have elapsed since he left the office of mayor he has been county tax collector.

Although Mr. Ramsey has always been occupied with business and civic affairs he has found time to enjoy the privileges of membership in many varied organizations. He is a Mason and belongs to the Chapter, Commandery, LuLu Shrine, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the Fourth Estate Club. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Independent Order of Americans, Improved Order of Redmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows are other fraternal connections. A representative business man, he supports and gives willingly of time and advice to the development of the Chester Chamber of Commerce. He makes many social contacts through the Chester Club and the Square Club of Haverford Township, and resides at 1601 Edgemont Avenue, Chester.

Herbert S. White. An important figure in banking circles of Delaware County, Herbert S. White has contributed a generous share in the progress and promotion of civic and business enterprises of this county. He has never aimed to institute Utopian ideals, but supports practical plans that promise to advance the welfare and happiness of the citizens of his community. A native of Philadelphia, Mr. White was born there on October 19, 1886, a son of the late Oliver S. White, an interior decorator, and Mary E. (Doyle) White, who resides in Norwood. Herbert White attended the Philadelphia Public Schools and began his banking career in 1906 when he was engaged by the Third National Bank of Philadelphia as a clearing house runner. In the service of that organization he developed the principles of business ethics that coupled with his untiring activity, enabled him to rise from one responsible position to another, until he became assistant cashier. In 1926 the Third National Bank was merged with the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company. When the Prospect Park State Bank was opened in July, 1928, the organizers sought a man whose background, experience and integrity would assist in filling the important and difficult post of cashier. They chose Mr. White, and he has thoroughly justified their faith and judgment. As president of the Prospect Park Business Men's Association, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Borough Council, Treasurer of the Glen-Nor Building Association and Director of the Philadelphia Financial Building and Loan Association, he exhibits the same elements of executive ability that made him a successful president of the Phila-

delphia Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and is a communicant of the Episcopal Church. Mr. White married Miss Gertrude S. Spencer and their family consists of Herbert S. Jr., Walter E., Ethel C., and Alice Mae. The White residence is situated at 552 Thirteenth Avenue, Prospect Park.

Robert H. Gibson. Among native sons of other states who have found in Pennsylvania the goal of their ambitions, Robert H. Gibson, Deputy Prothonotary of Delaware County, is outstanding in this vicinity. He was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where his father, Hugh Gibson, by birth a Bostonian, was engaged as a dyer in the textile mills. The latter's wife was Mary (Gillis) Gibson, of Scotland, and they are both deceased. Robert Gibson received his basic education in the Pittsfield Public Schools and was connected with the textile business in Philadelphia and Chester County from the time he completed his education until he came to Lenni. Since 1917 he has held the office of Deputy Prothonotary with a fine sense of responsibility and careful attention to detail. He is a loyal adherent to the principles of the Republican Party and is a communicant of the Episcopal faith. In fraternal affairs he is identified with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His fine personality and character have won for him many friends throughout the county. Mr. Gibson married Miss Mary E. Burnley, daughter of William Burnley of Lenni. They are the parents of Margaret P., Robert L. and John B. Gibson, and the family residence is located at Lenni, while Mr. Gibson has offices in the Court House at Media.

Hugh B. Hayes, county treasurer, is among the representative citizens of Delaware County. He was born March 31, 1873 in Crescentville, the son of James and Ellen (Boyd) Hayes, both natives of Ireland. James Hayes was born in Belfast and came to America as a young man. He first settled in Canada and took up farming, but later came to Pennsylvania where he spent the balance of his life. Hugh B. Hayes was educated in the public schools of Upland and Jefferson College. In 1906 he established a drug store in Upland where he has met with well deserved success. In November, 1927, he was elected to his present office of county treasurer and assumed his duties January 1, 1928. Mr. Hayes married Annie C. Watson of Upland, now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes was born one son George T. who is at present a student at Chester High School. Mr. Hayes is a staunch Republican and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Red Men. He is a communicant of the Upland Methodist Church.

P. A. Rockett. The activities of P. A. Rockett have always followed useful lines, and today he stands out as a leading public servant of Eddystone. In 1924, he became justice of the peace there and before that was

engaged for many years in the electrical contracting business in Chester. There he built up a thriving business through his continual application, perseverance, high standards of efficiency and modern, progressive methods. As a public servant he is noted for his judicial attitude and his willingness to give unstintedly of advice and energy to the office which his fellow-citizens conferred upon him. He adheres to the political principles of the Republican Party, and is a leader of that organization in Eddystone. In fraternal circles he is connected with the orders of Moose and Eagles, and his religious affiliation is with the Eddystone Roman Catholic Church, St. Rose of Lima. Mr. Rockett was born in Philadelphia on March 20, 1875. His father, Edward Rockett came to that city from England, and pursued the weaver's craft there for most of his life. Mary (Golden) Rockett, the latter's wife was also born in the British Isles, and came to the United States from Ireland before her marriage. P. A. Rockett, their son, received his fundamental education in the public schools of Philadelphia. He married Miss Rachael Wheeler, also of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of George, Joseph and Margaret Rockett. The family residence is located at 1113 Eleventh Street, Eddystone.

Malachi S. Pancoast, Delaware County Prothonotary, was born July 13, 1874, in Springfield, this county, in a house adjoining the famous inn of Colonial days, the "Lambs Tavern." He is a son of Samuel F., now deceased, also a native of Springfield Township, and Ellen Baily (Sloan) Pancoast, a native of Philadelphia, who now makes her home at Broomall, Delaware County. Malachi Pancoast was educated in the public schools of Springfield, the private schools of the Misses Alice and Helen Hoskins, and the West Chester State Normal School. His first employment after leaving school was with the Hartman Jones Company, located at 42nd and Westminster Avenue, Philadelphia, as a clerk in a grocery store. Leaving the city, he moved to Rutledge and entered the grocery business there. He then took up a farm in Marple Township to learn the business of truck farming and later became associated with William F. Bender of Philadelphia. Subsequently, he was identified with Swift & Company, at Chester and was transferred and made manager of a branch at Bergen Point, New Jersey, later being transferred to one of the branches in Philadelphia. In 1904, he returned to Springfield Township and entered the retail meat business which he ably managed until 1920, when he purchased his grandfather's farm. He remained there four years and then bought the J. W. Sloane residence in Springfield at which time he entered the real estate business. Mr. Pancoast is an active member of the Republican Party, having served as commissioner of Springfield Township for sixteen years and is now president of the boards. In November, 1929, he was elected County Prothonotary. He is vice-president of the Springfield Building and Loan Association and member of the 69th Street Realty Corporation, and a member of the Springfield Fire Com-

pany. Mr. Pancoast was united in marriage with Lulu Worrell of Morton and to this union have been born two sons: Samuel Franklin and William S. Mr. Pancoast attends the Presbyterian Church of Springfield where they reside.

John O. Crist, M.D. One of the prominent young physicians in Delaware County is Dr. John O. Crist, of 206 East Ninth Street, Chester, already highly regarded, although the practice which he instituted in 1916 was curtailed for a time during the period of America's participation in the World War. Dr. Crist is undoubtedly more widely known in military circles for his World War record is one of honor and distinction, his participation in some of the most terrific drives of the period linking his name with the war-torn regions of France. He served in the 3rd Army Corps for two and one-half years, and for one and one-half of them was connected with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. Unswerving loyalty to his country, unusual administrative ability and leadership gained for him the rank of Captain in the Army of the United States.

Dr. Crist is not a native of Chester, but was born at Pine Summit, Lycoming County, on April 25, 1888. His father was R. K. Crist, a progressive farmer of that place, and his mother was Susan (Gordner) Crist. Dr. Crist received a liberal education in the public schools of Lycoming County, and graduated from the high school at Montgomery. Subsequently he became a student at the normal schools of Lycoming County and Slippery Rock. The Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia was his choice of institutions to prepare him for the great service he was destined to render Chester and the country, and he received his medical degree there in 1915. His high professional standards are sustained through membership in county, state and national medical societies. A popular man, with many friends, Dr. Crist is fraternally connected with the Free and Accepted Masons in which he is affiliated with the Chapter, Commandery and Shrine.

Honorable Samuel E. Turner, Mayor of Chester, has had a long and creditable career in politics and journalism. He is a native of this county, where he was born at Rockdale on September 26, 1865. His parents were George W. Turner of Knollton, Delaware County, who resided there during much of his life, and Jane (Faulkner) Turner of Nicetown, Philadelphia County. Samuel E. Turner attended the public schools of Delaware County and when quite young learned the printing trade, and became identified with the "Republican," a weekly newspaper published in Chester. For several years he was connected with the publication and then associated himself with the "Chester Evening News," a local daily. The experience that Mayor Turner received while serving on the staffs of these newspapers was invaluable to him when he became affiliated with the "Chester Times." For thirty years he served the public through the columns of the last named journalistic organ as managing editor. His sense of news value, of the needs of a great reading public, his great human sympathy and personal

popularity made the "Times" an outstanding daily of southeastern Pennsylvania. That he has always held a high place in the hearts and minds of his fellow citizens is evidenced by his election as jury commissioner for Delaware County, and his appointment, during the session of 1893, as Assistant Sergeant of Arms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. During the World War he served throughout eastern Pennsylvania on the Federal Exemption Board. In this manner began the long public career of one of our best loved citizens. Preparation for the great work that was before him was gradual and thorough. He represented the Second Ward of Chester in the Select Council for twelve years, and presided over that body for a decade. Then the great esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Chester manifested itself in his selection to hold the highest city office, that of mayor. For more than eight years he has administered the civic affairs of this city with the primary aim of continually considering the best interests of his constituency. He has been untiring in his efforts to encourage and foster home industries, civic and social organizations, so that citizens of Chester will find every need fulfilled at home, and in this he has had remarkable success. Mayor Turner is a prominent figure in fraternal organizations as he is in civic affairs, for he is a life member of Chester Lodge Number 236, Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he is affiliated with the Chester Commandery, K. T., Number 66, Royal Arch, Chapter 258, Lulu Temple Shrine, Philadelphia Consistory, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Jaffa Council of Philadelphia, Number 46. In addition he is numbered among the active members of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Number 488, Chester; Loyal Order of Moose, Chester; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Chester Aerie; The Fourth Estate Club, (Masonic); and the Lulu Shrine Club of Delaware County. Aside from his responsibilities in these connections, Mayor Turner finds time to devote to his hobbies, journalism and travel. He retains his contacts in the former field through the Pen and Pencil Club of Philadelphia. The Kiwanis Club, Y. M. C. A., Chester Club, Keystone Auto Club, Springhaven Country Club and the Delaware County Historical Society, consider themselves fortunate to have this man, with so many demands upon his time, listed among their members. Mayor Turner is a faithful member of the Madison Street Methodist Church, is unmarried, and resides at 2104 Providence Avenue. His fine character, forceful and attractive personality, have made many friends for him in every circle of society where he has made contacts.

John J. Buckley. An excellent example of the possibilities open to energetic, persevering young men in modern America is characterized in the experiences and achievements of John J. Buckley, Chester manufacturer. That it is possible to surmount obstacles of every description, and rise to the front rank among the citizens of a nation, is evidenced in the life of this eminent citizen. John J. Buckley was born in Reading on May 24, 1863, a son of Thomas M. Buckley, who became master mechanic at the Old South Chester Tube Mill in Chester, and Margaret A. (Ready) Buckley. John





James F. Desmond

Buckley had the advantage of a diversified education, part of which was acquired in the public schools of Amboy, Illinois. Later he became a student at St. Peter's Parochial School in Columbia, and enrolled in the International Correspondence School. Step by step he rose from the first position held, that of attendant at an apple stand in Columbia, where he earned a dollar a week, until today he is president of one company and owner of another. The intervening years brought countless struggles. But each encounter left him stronger to attack the next obstacle in his path. In that period, after he left Columbia and the dollar a week job, he was employed in turn by the South Chester Tube Company; Vulcan Iron Works, where he was associated with William H. Green; Roach's Shipyard, at which place he served for three years; installed boilers on the Light Ships for Woodbridge & Huston, in Marcus Hook; worked in Wetherill's Machine Shop; engaged in the insurance business; connected with the National Tube Company at Youngstown, Ohio; from 1900 to 1915 with the Berry Engineering Company; registered patents and organized the Fuel Economy Company in Philadelphia. In 1916 he took over the business of John Cheyney in Chester, and formed a partnership with M. L. White, under the firm name Economy Engineering & Machine Works. Two years later he purchased Mr. White's interest and became sole owner of the plant located at 2423 to 2429 W. Second Street. All of these positions increased Mr. Buckley's general information on mechanical engineering and placed him in a position of authority on practical matters in that profession. The basis upon which he created his remarkable career was a substantial one that young men of today can profitably emulate. He was appointed mercantile appraiser of Delaware County in 1897 to 1898. A leading lay member of the Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Buckley is outstanding in its activities. He attends the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Chester.

Social and service organizations that welcome his presence among their members and frequently seek his advice and guidance are Americus Council Number 242, Knights of Columbus, of which he is a charter member, and also Past Grand Knight; Cardinal Dougherty General Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, of which he is at present Navigator; Villager Guild, of which he is president; Kiwanis Club, Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers Association. In Philadelphia he is well and favorably known as the president of the Buckley Boring Bar Company, with headquarters in the Packard Building. Mr. Buckley was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Boylen, daughter of Patrick and Anna (McDermott) Boylen. Nine children were born to this union. They are Marie P.; Helen B., now Mrs. James F. Delaney; Francis J.; Gertrude B., who is Mrs. Daniel A. McLaughlin; J. Edward; Margaret B., now Mrs. Fred A. Hazell; Thomas A.; James A. V.; Geraldine Anna, deceased. The Buckley residence is located at 233 W. Seventh Street.

James F. Desmond, one of the well-known and eminently respectable citizens of Delaware County is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Philadelphia, May 17, 1869, and is a son of James and Bridget (McDer-

mott) Desmond. The father came to the United States when he was twenty-one years of age and located in New York, later moving to Philadelphia, where he applied himself as a steel worker. Both of the senior Desmonds are deceased. James F. Desmond attended the public schools of Chester, later taking a course in business administration and accounting. After being soundly equipped in the fundamentals of business, he established a grocery and meat business which he ably conducted for twenty years. At the end of this time he sold his business and entered the State Treasurer's office at Harrisburg, for a period of four years. When his term expired, he became associated with the John J. Buckley Company of Chester, who are wholesale meat provisioners. Later he had charge of the Delaware County office of the first District being chief of Division Four of the Internal Revenue Department of the United States with offices in Chester, in the fall of 1927. He was then elected County Commissioner, which office he still holds. Mr. Desmond married Katherine G. McKinney and their children are James J., who married Hilda Donough of Sharon Hill, they have two children, Kathrine and Hilda; and Vincent, a graduate of the St. Joseph College at Philadelphia where he received his A.B. Degree, and is now a student of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1932. Mr. Desmond is of Democratic persuasion and fraternally is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He is also President of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, a charitable organization, serving in that capacity for a period of 29 years. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond are communicants of the Immaculate Heart Parish of the Roman Catholic Church and they make their home at 909 West Third Street, Chester.

Charles Mink Jr. As Clerk of the Courts of Delaware County, Mr. Mink reflects the value of broad experience in many phases of activity, in carrying out the work which it has fallen to his lot to accomplish. He was born on April 29, 1886, at Philadelphia, the son of Charles Mink, who followed the trade of brick-burner there during most of his life, and Elizabeth (Calhoun) Mink, also of Philadelphia. They reside in Collingsdale at 84 Upland Terrace. Charles Mink, their son, attended the Landreth and Benson Schools in Philadelphia, and when his fundamental education was completed entered the office of Hugh Black, then a county commissioner in Philadelphia County. Realizing that the man who had acquired specialized training had the best means for making a place for himself in the world, he left the office and obtained a business education, before entering the plumbing business. For a few years he was engaged thus and then established an independent retail coal business which he conducted for some time. Disposing of his coal interests he came to Delaware County, to which place the rapid development of the brick business attracted him, and later was employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. These contacts all served to increase his appreciation of human character. He left the business and industrial world to take a position in the office of the United States Marshal, and later in the office of Sheriff Johnson. The early experience in the

County Commissioner's office proved of value to him and he achieved the position which he now holds, Clerk of the Courts of Delaware County. Mr. Mink is a staunch Republican, politically, and is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the P. O. S. of A. He married Miss Mary Stevenson. Two sons and one daughter were born to this union. They are Clifford, Raymond and Edna Mae Mink. The family are residents of 90 Upland Terrace, Collingsdale.

Charles M. Wilkins, postmaster of Wayne, Delaware County, first earned the consideration of his fellow citizens in his community by a life of forceful industry and integrity. He was born in Norristown, January 8, 1865, the son of Benjamin and Margaret Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins attended the public schools of Norristown after which he became apprenticed to Holmes McVaugh, painter and paper-hanger. Having been thoroughly grounded in his chosen trade, Mr. Wilkins became employed by the Wayne Estates and through his ability held this position for eleven years. He then entered business for himself and in twenty-eight years' time he has become recognized for the high standard of work which he has maintained. On August 1, 1924, President Coolidge appointed him to the duties of Postmaster of Wayne and on January 19, 1928, he received his re-appointment to that responsible position. Mr. Wilkins takes active interest in the affairs of the Republican party. On November 11, 1904, Mr. Wilkins took for his wife Bertha E. Robson and to this union has been born two children: Leslie, who is carrying on his father's business and Mayola, now deceased. He is a life member of the Masonic Order, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America and Order of Independent Americans claim Mr. Wilkins among their members. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are communicants of the Central Baptist Church of Wayne and they reside at 237 North Aberdeen Avenue, Wayne.

John Garthwaite Brown. Holding the important position of court stenographer of Delaware County, John G. Brown is well and favorably known in that position and popular in the circles in which he moves. He was born at Lenni, Delaware County, May 24, 1881, the son of Joseph H. and Charlotte (McCartney) Brown. Mr. Brown was educated in the Parkmount School and the public schools of Chester and for five years thereafter studied law in the offices of Judge W. B. Broomall. He started his career in the Court House as assistant stenographer under Carolus Broomall and on December 31, 1904 was appointed Court Stenographer, and has held this responsible position for twenty-seven years. Mr. Brown took for his wife Isabelle D. Armstrong of Upper Providence Township, Delaware County. His devotion to his duties and his home does not permit external interests. Mr. Brown claims allegiance to the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Episcopal Church and they reside at 28 West 7th Street, Media.

Church of the Nativity, Media, is one of the older parishes in Delaware County. Mass was celebrated at the home of Edward Dugan in Upper Bank as early as 1858 by Rev. Nicholas Walsh, Pastor of the Church of St. Thomas at Ivy Mills. Shortly after, services were held in the residence of Lawrence Farnam of Media, and about 1860, Rev. Thomas Kyle, then pastor at the Ivy Mills church, bought a lot of ground on Franklin Street, Media, and erected on it a small brick church, which was used until the completion of the present church in 1882. For the first few years the Church of the Nativity was attended by the priests at Ivy Mills, but in October, 1868, Rev. Henry L. Wright who had been pastor at Ivy Mills, was appointed pastor at Media, which thereupon became a separate and independent parish. On September 1, 1912, the parochial school in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis, was dedicated by Bishop-Elect McCort, now Bishop of the Altoona Diocese assisted by Rev. F. J. Sheehan and Rev. Francis A. Brady. At present the original church is used to house the children of the first and second grades. In 1917, Rev. Lawrence A. Deering was appointed pastor, assisted at first by Rev. Joseph Springer, now deceased and at present by Rev. James J. Brogan.

Chester Times. The initial number of this paper made its appearance on September 7, 1876, sponsored by Major John Hodgson, who came from West Chester, to Chester for that purpose. It was then called the "Chester Daily Times," and was a five column, four page paper. After changing ownership several times in half a dozen years, there was incorporated in 1882, the Chester Times Publishing Company, with the late Colonel David F. Houston, president, and the late John A. Wallace, as secretary, treasurer and editor. With the first issue under the new order of things, the name of the paper was changed to that of the "Chester Times," another column added and the whole paper made larger and better. John A. Wallace remained editor of the paper from 1882 to 1892, except for a brief period from March 5, 1888, to June 24, 1889, when August Donath was associated with him as editor and part owner. On March 10, 1892, John A. Wallace, then owner of the "Times," sold a half-interest to William C. Sproul, and the business was conducted as a partnership under the firm name of Wallace and Sproul, until January 1, 1910, when Charles R. Long, who had been connected with the paper since August, 1892, was taken into partnership under the firm name of Wallace, Sproul and Long. At the death of John A. Wallace in 1915, the business was incorporated and Frank C. Wallace took over his father's interests. Later he and Mr. Long purchased the holdings of William C. Sproul. The "Times" today enters into over ninety per cent of the homes of Chester city and reaches every hamlet and town in Delaware County. The newspaper plant, just completed, is one of the most modern in the State and has equipment comparing with any metropolitan paper. Automatic telegraph printers, replacing the old-fashioned telegraph, are included in the modern improvements. In addition to printing a newspaper, the "Chester Times" also maintains a large job printing establishment.

Frank Coyle Wallace. A man identified with the journalistic life in his community wields a power second to none, inasmuch as he is indirectly a leader of thought and a source of influence. This was the case of Frank C. Wallace of Chester, Pennsylvania, former secretary and half owner of the company publishing the "Chester Times." Mr. Wallace was associated with various movements in behalf of the best interests of his community, and was active in its social and club circles. Frank Coyle Wallace was born January 26, 1867, at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, and is the son of John Alva and Emmeline (Coyle) Wallace. He received his education in Brooklyn schools, later attending the public schools of Chester, Pennsylvania, to which city his father removed, and also a private school. After completing his course of study, Mr. Wallace became an apprentice to his father, learning the printing business in the office of the Chester Times. In 1890 he went to Washington, D. C., as an employee of the Government Printing Office. In 1897, he assumed charge of the branch printing office in the United States Department of Agriculture, leaving that position in 1906 to superintend the printing and binding operations at the Government Printing Office. In 1913 he became superintendent of documents and had charge of all the Government book sales. This continued until December 15, 1913, when he returned to Chester to become superintendent of the mechanical department of the Chester Times. At his father's death in 1915, he took over all the latter's interests and has ever since, in association with William C. Sproul and Charles R. Long, owned and controlled the paper. His father's ability descended to him in full measure, and under his helpful leadership the paper has not only maintained its old time standing, but has also enlarged its scope and increased its circulation. In politics Mr. Wallace is a Republican. During the World War he took an active and patriotic interest in the various war movements. He was director of the Cambridge Trust Company of Chester, a member of the Council of the Boy Scouts, and an honorary member of the Chester Day Nursery, and identified with the work of the Red Cross. His clubs were the Chester and Rotary. He was a member of the Keystone Automobile Club, the Delaware County Motor Club and a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and attended the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wallace married September 2, 1898, Anna Elizabeth Erskine of Chester. Keenly public spirited and of a genial disposition, Mr. Wallace enjoyed a personal popularity. Mr. Wallace died at his residence in Ridley Park, January 5, 1927. His wife died at their home two days later.

William A. Faison. Mr. Faison's name and his abilities are well known throughout the country as executive head of the Atlantic Steel Castings Company. He was born August 6, 1889, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and attended the public schools of his home. Later he received the degree of B. E. from the North Carolina College and in 1911 attained the degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois. In 1915, when the Atlantic Steel Castings Company was organized, Mr. Faison came to the organization as superintendent. His ceaseless efforts soon won for him the place of presid-

ing officer and executive at the head of the company. The Atlantic Steel Castings Company, manufacturers of various kinds of steel castings, employs approximately two hundred people. The personnel of the organization is as follows: William A. Faison, president; E. B. Powell, vice president and sales manager; Paul Maner, secretary and T. J. Sproul, treasurer. The business was originally established in 1915 by the late Governor Sproul together with R. J. Brunker, A. R. Sproul, S. Everett Sproul and Dudley Shoemaker. Mr. Faison married Miriam Ellison and their children are: Miriam, Marjory, William A. Jr., and Sara R. The Faison family make their home at No. 22 Parkway Avenue, Chester, and are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Faison is an executive of the Delaware County Manufacturers' Association and an ardent Republican.

Charles R. Long. The name of Charles R. Long, of Chester, one of the owners of the "Chester Times," stands high on the list of members of the Fourth Estate not only in Pennsylvania but also in the country-at-large. Mr. Long has devoted more than half his life to his work as a journalist, and has made the paper of which he is the editor and publisher a power for all that is best in city, state and national politics. Charles Ramsay Long, a son of Jesse Green and Caroline Farwell (Ramsay) Long, was born November 4, 1872, at Pittsfield, Illinois. He received his education in the local public schools. After graduating from the Pittsfield High School in 1890, he came east and took the entrance examinations at Lehigh University. In the summer of 1892 Mr. Long entered the services of the Chester Times, and in addition to liking the work, he showed remarkable aptitude for it. So greatly was he pleased with it that he relinquished the prospect of entering the University and remained with the newspaper, which was then owned by John A. Wallace and William C. Sproul. The first position filled by Mr. Long was that of office assistant and solicitor of advertisements, but he was soon advanced to that of business manager, which position he held for three or four years. Later he was given charge of the entire newspaper. In 1909, when the Chester Times bought out the "Morning Republican," he obtained a third interest in the latter paper. In 1915, upon the death of John A. Wallace, the senior partner, the business was incorporated and his son, Frank C. Wallace, succeeded to his father's interest in the "Chester Times" and "Morning Republican." In 1920, after his election as Governor, Mr. Sproul suggested that Mr. Long and Mr. Wallace buy out his share. This was done and Mr. Long and Mr. Wallace owned and controlled the paper until the latter's death in January, 1927. In the realm of politics, Mr. Long is a staunch supporter of the Republican principles. He is a director of the Chester Cambridge Bank and Trust Company and Chester Hospital. During the World War he was active in patriotic work, serving as chairman of the Publicity Committee on four of the five Liberty Loan drives. He affiliates with the Masonic Order and his clubs are the Union League, Philadelphia Rotary, Springhaven Country, Rolling Green, Chester and Penn (director). He is a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to





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the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, the Swedish Colonial Society, the Chester Business Men's Association, and the Keystone Auto Club. Mr. Long married, December 5, 1895, Hannah H. Hinkson, daughter of Charles and Arabella (Dutton) Hinkson, and they became the parents of two children: Caroline H., and Frederick Ramsay. He married the second time, September 8, 1925, Gertrude H. Jones, the youngest daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Jones.

Harrold R. Gill. The profession of the law acknowledges in Harrold R. Gill of Chester, one of its noteworthy and promising young men. There is little doubt that he is as well known for his military record which comprises more than two years of service during the World War. Mr. Gill is a son of Benjamin Gill of Middletown, Delaware, who became a prominent civil engineer in Philadelphia, where Harrold R. Gill was born on September 5, 1899. The latter's mother was Elsie (Simmons) Gill, a native of the famous university town, Oxford, in England. Harrold R. Gill attended the public schools in Media, this county, and his plans for the future were disturbed by the entrance of the United States into the World War in 1917. Mr. Gill became identified with Company I of the 109th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Division. His capacity for assuming responsibility and for sublimating personal ambition to the best needs of the cause he served, evidenced itself in a short time, and his superior officers put every faith and confidence in him. After two years and two months of activity, much of which was at the front, Mr. Gill was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. In 1919 he accepted a position with the Media Title and Trust Company, and gained valuable experience in the world of finance. He remained there for four years and left to take up responsible work with the Marcus Hook National Bank. The Suburban Title and Trust Company at Darby, this county, induced him to become a member of their staff as assistant treasurer, in 1924. Experiences of this sort proved an excellent background for a young lawyer and fitted him admirably for the many intricate details of finance that many attorneys acquire after years of practice. Mr. Gill has been associated with Mr. McLaughlin in the offices at No. 10 East Fifth Street, since April, 1929, having been admitted to the local bar in the previous year. He retains his contacts in military life through membership to Media Post, No. 93, American Legion, and is a staunch adherent to the principles of the Republican Party.

Henry Effinger Nelling. On May 22, 1929, there passed to life eternal one of Delaware County's most notable citizens, who for many years held a position of high esteem in his community. Mr. Nelling was born September 2, 1858, a son of Captain Thomas Dunn and Elizabeth Dix Nelling. The forebears of the Nelling family have long been identified with the activities of Delaware County, and each in his turn has contributed his share to the upbuilding of his community. Captain Thomas Dunn Nelling, born in Media, November 21, 1827, distinguished himself as a soldier in

the Civil War. Henry E. Nelling was reared in Media and attended the public schools of Chester. As a young man he entered the employ of the Delaware County Electric Company, when the business was first organized and it might be truly said of him that he grew old with the business. Being of a versatile nature, he did any task that was required of him, such as digging post holes, setting meters, keeping the accounts of the company, making out the statements and then collecting the money due the company. As the business expanded, he was advanced and when the Delaware County Electric Company was absorbed by the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company, Mr. Nelling was made distribution clerk and remained active in the organization until the time of his death, and during the years, gave unselfishly of his time, ability and talents to the business with which he was associated. On May 29, 1890, he married Louise R. Neal, a daughter of William and Phoebe Jane (Cully) Neal. To this union were born three children: Elizabeth Dix, Louis R., both residing in Chester, and Eva May, now Mrs. Oliver G. Julian of New York. Mr. Julian is a graduate of Pennsylvania Military College and Columbia University and they have one daughter, Marie Louise. Mr. Nelling was an energetic and ardent Republican and a member and leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church. As head of his family, he gave every energy he possessed to help those who were nearest to him. His children were his great pride and the ardent love he displayed for them showed he was a great father. A tenderness of heart and love of his fellowmen was a natural characteristic, one that will keep his memory fresh in the hearts of those who loved him.

Elbert W. Hyatt. On December 24, 1911, there passed to life eternal, one of Delaware County's most respected citizens, one who held a position of high esteem as an educator and citizen. Mr. Hyatt was born January 15, 1874, in Philadelphia, a son of D. W. and Bell Hyatt. His early years were spent in West Chester, where he received a thorough school education, later qualifying for entrance to the Pennsylvania Military College, of which his cousin, Colonel Charles E. Hyatt, was then commandant. He pursued his prescribed courses and then became an officer, being one of the best informed attaches of the institution, and also acting as secretary to Colonel Hyatt. Mr. Hyatt was united in marriage to Miss Alice Griffin, a daughter of John and Nancy (Miller) Griffin. They were the parents of one daughter, Josephine Elizabeth, now Mrs. Oscar Gray. Mrs. Hyatt maintains her residence at 910 East 20th Street, Chester.

James J. Skelly. As a capable business man, and a patriotic and public spirited citizen, James J. Skelly stands high in the respect and esteem of his contemporaries. He was born July 22, 1882, the son of John and Elizabeth (McNichol) Skelly. His splendid success in the general contracting business which bears his name is the result of application and attention to detail. Mr. Skelly is noted for his intense interest in his community. Throughout Delaware County his name is always to be found at the very

head when large projects are in contemplation for civic betterment. He stands high in the councils of the Republican party, having served two terms as a member of the all-important commission having charge of the poor and sick in the county. He has also served as county commissioner. Mr. Skelly married Annie T. Carr and their children are: Rose, Joseph, May, Ruth and Paul. He is a member of the Manufacturer's Club, Philadelphia, the Media Club, Media Republican Club, Young Men's Republican Club, Chester, Knights of Columbus, Strollers, Media Business Men's Association, Keystone Automobile Club and the Motor Truck Association. Mr. and Mrs. Skelly are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church and they reside in Lima.

Edward Vincent Streeper, was born in Lansdowne, Delaware County, July 19, 1876, the son of Edward V. and Ellen (Fletcher) Streeper. The father was born in Marple Township and was for many years general manager of the American District Telephone and Telegraph Company with headquarters in Philadelphia. The mother, Ellen (Fletcher) Streeper, a native of Philadelphia, was the daughter of James Washington Fletcher, the first prothonotary of Philadelphia County under the Consolidation Act of 1854, and a citizen of prominence in Philadelphia. Edward V. Streeper attended the public schools of Philadelphia. His first employment was with the firm of Francis Bond Company, importers of Japanese and Chinese merchandise. Following this he entered the publishing business, first with the Morton Chronicle and later with the Sunshine Publishing Company of Philadelphia. For three years he was connected with the Department of the Interior making a geological survey of the Indian Territory. In 1900, he was appointed assistant postmaster of Newtown Square. Mr. Streeper became associated with the Steven Green Company in 1902 and resigned in 1920 to go with the Raymond McNutt Company, and later with the Globe Ticket Company, where he is now located. Margaret Stinson became the wife of Mr. Streeper and they are the parents of a daughter, Edwena Wallace. Mr. Streeper is director and secretary of the Keystone Papateria Company of Philadelphia, a member of all branches of the Masonic Order, Delaware County Craftsman Club, Media and Morton Fire Companies, Ashland's Boy's Association of Schuylkill and Philadelphia Counties, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church of Morton and in politics is a Republican. The Streeper family reside at No. 507 South Orange Street, Media.

Jay Paul Jeter, D. D. S., of Chester, was born July 15, 1893 in Paris, Illinois. He is the son of George Madison and Jeanette (Sizemore) Jeter, both of whom are deceased. They were natives of Paris, Illinois, whose families were of French Huguenot stock, and originally settled in Virginia as early as 1669. The grandfather of Jay Paul Jeter was graduated from the Louisville Medical College. At the time the Civil War was declared he offered his services to his country, served as an officer in the Civil War,

being killed while in action. George Madison Jeter was a very prominent attorney in Paris, Illinois, where he was reared and lived all of his life. Mr. Jeter was actively engaged in the lumber business and served as a railroad executive in the capacity of first vice-president of the Vandalia Railroad Company. He was active in these enterprises and various others until the time of his death in the year 1902, when he and Mrs. Jeter were killed in a most disastrous accident. Jay Paul Jeter received his early education in Paris, Illinois, preparing at the Mercersburg Academy, after which he matriculated at the following colleges and universities: the University of Illinois, Columbia University, Union College and the University of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of D.D.S. from the latter institution in 1918. At this time he started to practice his profession, which he built to such a height that he is given the distinction of being one of the leading professional men in the community. Doctor Jeter's office is at 2803 West Third Street. During the World War he served in the 304th Engineers, the Medical Corps and the Aviation Corps, and now holds a commission as Captain in the Reserve Corps. Politically he is a member of the Republican party, and is very active in Masonry, being a member of the Blue Lodge, the Consistory, and the Lulu Shrine. He holds membership in the following: the Alpha Boat Club, the Chesapeake Cruising Club, the Brinton Lake Club and the American Legion. His professional affiliations are with the State, County and National Dental societies and he is very much interested in the affairs of his community. Dr. Jeter's residence is in Philadelphia.

James M. McDade, deceased, was born in Leipserville, Delaware County, in 1853, a son of James McDade and Sarah Martin McDade. He attended the public schools of Chester, and after leaving school, he became employed by the Eddystone Print Works where he remained for three years. The following five years were spent on the Chester Police Force. During his service with the police force, he had the misfortune to be wounded while engaged in a gun battle with a burglar. Subsequently he became employed by the interurban company operating between Chester and Media. He enjoyed a record of twenty years of faithful service with this company. He passed away December 1, 1903 and it was believed that his death was caused by the bullet with which he was wounded working its way into his heart. Mr. McDade married Miss Catherine McLaughlin on June 8, 1884. She was a daughter of Bernard and Hannah (McBride) McLaughlin. To this union were born two daughters: Catherine, now Mrs. Oscar Holt; and Irene, now Mrs. George Loyer. Mr. McDade was a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church and his widow maintains her residence at 108 East 18th Street, Chester.

Jerome M. Harley. A successful florist in the business community of Media is Jerome M. Harley, born in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, August 8, 1860. His father was Samuel C. Harley, for many years a prominent farmer of Montgomery County, who retired in

1870 and died in 1877. His mother was Annie (Moyer) Harley, who died in 1901. The Harley family are among the early settlers of Montgomery County. Jerome M. Harley was one of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley, the others being Joanna, Jacob, Abraham, Catharine, Mary, Emma and Henry. Jerome Harley, the youngest, received his education in the public schools of Montgomery County and Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Following this, he went west, where he was engaged in various occupations for the next five years. He then returned to the east, where he became engaged in the grocery business until 1897, when he located in Media and entered the florist business, where he has since met with gratifying success. Mr. Harley is deeply interested in the Harley family genealogy and has served for five years as president of the Harley family association, now known as the Harley Memorial association. Miss Anna Ritter, daughter of Hiram Ritter of Philadelphia, became the wife of Mr. Harley. They reside at 223 Providence Road, Media, where he conducts his business.

Howard Kirk, has been engaged in the practice of law in Media since 1928. He was born May 17, 1886, in Philadelphia, and is the son of Charles H. Kirk, a veteran of the Civil War, who was a First Lieutenant in the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry in the Union Army, and Margaret (Leidy) Kirk, a daughter of Hon. Paul Leidy, formerly a Congressman from Montour County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kirk attended the public schools of Germantown and partially completed the course at the Central High School in Philadelphia. In 1902 he was employed by Whitall Tatum Company, glass manufacturers. He remained there five years, after which he entered the law offices of Harold B. Beitler, Esquire, of Philadelphia where he remained for three years. Subsequently he entered the office of Biddle and Ward, attorneys of Philadelphia, and later served as court stenographer in the Courts of Philadelphia. In 1913 he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession.

In the year 1916 Mr. Kirk served as a private with Troop A, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, on the Mexican Border. In the World War he joined the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara and later was assigned to the 313th Infantry, 79th Division at Camp Meade, as a second lieutenant. In 1918 the regiment went overseas. In October of that year he was commissioned a captain of infantry, and saw active service in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Returning from service in 1919 he resumed his law practice in Philadelphia until he removed to Media in 1928.

In 1921 Mr. Kirk married Lillian Chalmers of Baltimore, a graduate of Goucher College, class of 1919, and a daughter of Rev. Andrew Burns Chalmers and Lillian (Knight) Chalmers. Their children are Marion, Jeffery, Daniel and Andrew. From 1921 to 1924, and again from 1927 to 1930, Mr. Kirk was elected by the lawyers of Philadelphia as Secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the American Legion. He is a Republican and a communicant of the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, and resides at 218 Lafayette Avenue, Swarthmore.

Howard M. Lutz. A steady and continual advance as an attorney, marks the career of Howard M. Lutz. He was born in Upper Darby, this county, November 28, 1887, the son of J. Milton Lutz and Mary J. (Dermond) Lutz. After receiving his early education in the public schools of his home, and the Friends Central School in Philadelphia, he attained his A.B. degree at Haverford College and later graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. After his admission to the bar, he began the practice of his profession, which was shortly interrupted by his enlisting in the cause of the Allies, November, 1917, serving until March 1919. Upon his return to civilian life, he resumed his profession in Media and has since gained favorable repute among his contemporaries. In addition to his legal work, Mr. Lutz acts as vice-president and director of the Media—69th Trust Company, director of the First National Bank of Clifton Heights, and the Mione Manufacturing Company. He enjoys the diversion afforded by membership in the Union League, Philadelphia and the Aronimink Golf Club. He is a member of the various Masonic fraternities and the Military Order of Foreign Wars. In politics, he is a Republican. Miss Katherine Ten Broek became the wife of Mr. Lutz and their children are: Howard T. B., Katharine, Mary E., Jean and Lavinia C. The Lutz family attend the Presbyterian church in Lansdowne, and they make their home in Upper Darby Township.

J. Milton Lutz. A banker, whose sound business sense caused his success in every line of endeavor in which he has been engaged is J. Milton Lutz, president of the First National Bank of Clifton Heights. He has been responsible in a large measure for the rapid growth in that section. Mr. Lutz was born October 18, 1856, at Three Trees, Montgomery County, a son of George M. and Mary Martha (Collom) Lutz. J. Milton Lutz assisted in organizing the West Philadelphia bank in 1911, and was chosen president of the institution, which position he held until the West Philadelphia bank was absorbed by the Bank and Trust Company of West Philadelphia, and is now president of this bank. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Lansdowne National Bank. Mr. Lutz has served as school director in Upper Darby for nearly half a century, and is trustee and treasurer of the State School at Spring City. He is a Director of the Bankers Bond and Mortgage Company and vice-president of the Mione Manufacturing Company. Mr. Lutz was President of the Upper Darby National Army and Navy League during the World War, and is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, the Blue Lodge, Commandery, Consistory and Lu Lu Temple of the Shrine. He was a member of the Legislature in 1907, and for nine years was a chairman of the Delaware County Republican Executive Committee. Mr. Lutz married Miss Katherine ——— and they are the parents of three children. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz reside at 8267 West Chester Pike where the former has resided since April 1873.

T. Chalkley Palmer. The cultural center of the great United States was originally Southeastern Pennsylvania. New England has been much advertised, but it is a matter of fact that in Philadelphia and its environs, the



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most important scientific experiments, the greatest social movements, and the first organized efforts for intellectual development of the colonial and early national periods, took place. Benjamin Franklin, "the first American", was the great influence in these matters, and perhaps he may be termed the axis upon which the life of these movements revolved. Then too, members of the Society of Friends have always been associated with all substantial measures in education and social welfare from the time they first settled in Pennsylvania. This rich heritage has brought forth in Delaware County an internationally known scientist and scholar, T. Chalkley Palmer. In this man are met many of the characteristics that make life interesting, pleasant and well-rounded. Mr. Palmer was born near Media on October 23, 1860. He attended Haverford College, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His scholastic attainments there, won for him membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity. Devoted to scientific research while in college, Mr. Palmer centered his interests, after his graduation, in the field of industrial chemistry, where he has made a reputation for himself as a manufacturer of dyestuffs. This phase of activity required careful application to detail and much time and effort. Notwithstanding these responsibilities he found opportunity to participate in civic affairs and scientific organizations. The Republican Party, of which he is a member, elected him to serve on the Board of Poor Directors of Delaware County. A business man, he is able to make decisions; a member of the Society of Friends, he represents a group that are pioneers in social and humanitarian legislation. Within recent years Mr. Palmer retired from his manufacturing interests, and is turning his attention to investigation in various fields of science, notably Natural Science, Microscopy and Botany. His work has been most effective in organizations such as, the Delaware County Institute of Science, at Media, and the Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia, in both of which he has been president. His influence is felt internationally, for he has been made a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, London, England, and in the United States is identified with the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Institutions, with which he made contacts in the industrial, business and educational world, which have at times selected him to act on their boards of directors are, the American Dyewood Company, the Delaware County National Bank, the First National Bank of Media, and Haverford College. Mr. Palmer spends much of his leisure on walking trips, and although engaged in so many activities, enjoys the privileges extended to members of the University Club of Philadelphia, the Chester Club, Media Club, and the Authors' Club of London. Mr. Palmer married Miss H. Jane Walter, and two sons, Walter and Lewis Palmer, were born to them. The family residence is in Middletown Township, this county.

G. Harmon Webb, attorney of Media has been engaged in general practice here for three years. He is a son of George H. and Anna (George) Webb and was born in Philadelphia, June 16, 1903. The father was born

in the State of Delaware, but has made his home in Brandywine Summit for many years, where he now lives retired. G. Harmon Webb attended the public schools of Philadelphia. Previous to his entering the legal profession, he found considerable success in the real estate business. Long cherishing the ambition to read law, on his own initiative and without the aid of council, he prepared himself for admission to the bar, which he achieved in 1928. His subsequent career in Delaware County has been one of unqualified success and he holds a high place among his professional colleagues. He married Blanche Cascaden of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of three children: Blanche E., Anna May, and G. Harmon III. Mr. Webb is solicitor for the Borough of Colwyn, a member of the Delaware County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations and is affiliated with the Masonic Order, Blue Lodge and Chapter, and in politics is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Webb make their home at Brandywine Summit.

Edwin A. Howell, is an eminent member of the legal profession in Delaware County, who was born at New Market, Middlesex County, New Jersey, on May 11, 1871. His parents were George D. Howell, a civil engineer, and M. Ernestine (Alberti) Howell. Edwin A. Howell attended the public schools at New Market, New Jersey, and Alfred, New York; and attended Alfred University, Alfred, New York. He afterwards entered the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom, as a Civil Engineer, in 1890. He also received the Honorary Degree of A.M. from that institution in 1925. He practiced the profession of civil engineering, acting as Assistant Engineer for the Pennsylvania and Northwestern Railroad for several years. He then returned to Chester where he also practiced as a civil engineer for several years, and there entered the law offices of William B. Broomall, where he became proficient in legal practice before gaining admission to the Delaware County Bar in 1896. He is a member of the County, State and National Bar Associations, and is universally respected for his high sense of responsibility to his chosen calling. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Military College and also Secretary of the Board. Mr. Howell was the first secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Chester, and also of the Penn Club, which position he has held for 35 years and still holds. He is also a member of the Chester Club. In politics he adheres to the principles of the Republican Party, and his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

On November 3, 1897 he married Dr. Elizabeth Eldredge Wray, of Bellwood, Blair County. They have one daughter, Carolin Wallace Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are residents of Chester where they live at Twenty-sixth Street and Waterville Road.

John Patrick Nolan, deceased. In every era of history a few personalities, by reason of outstanding virtue rise up, and tower above their fellow-men, making indelible impressions on the lives and institutions with which

they come in contact. In Delaware County such a man is John Patrick Nolan, late of Chester. His scope of activity and variety of interests in business and civic affairs was so great that in reviewing them, one is bound to wonder how a single man could accomplish so much good in so short a time. Mr. Nolan was born in Wilmington September 10, 1856, a son of Patrick and Mary (Delaney) Nolan, both natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States as a youth and located in Chester, where he established a business career as a contractor. The business prospered and he came to be recognized as one of the outstanding figures in his generation in the county. John Patrick Nolan was reared in Chester, and as a boy attended the parochial schools of the city. Vitally interested in his father's business, he could be found there during his spare hours, doing any or all work that was required of him. Thus, the career of one of the most able men in our county began. When Patrick Nolan's two sons reached their majority, he took them into the business and after he retired from active affairs the firm name was changed to Nolan Brothers. John P. Nolan, being the eldest, assumed natural leadership and under his direction the business prospered and expanded accordingly. They were both highly skilled workmen and built only the finest quality of homes. They bought at various times, huge tracts of land and erected high class residences and also built homes under contract for their clients. Mr. Nolan was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus in Chester and in politics was a Democrat. On March 3, 1889, Mr. Nolan married Mary A. Kelly in St. Michael's Church, Chester. She is the daughter of Captain Charles and Bridget (McMahon) Kelly. They too, were natives of Ireland. Captain Kelly, upon his arrival in the United States identified himself with the shipping industry and was the owner of his own ship. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan were the parents of six children: Mary G.; Peter, died in infancy; Dr. John P. Jr., married and has one child, Patricia, and is a prominent doctor of medicine in Chester; Margaret E., the wife of Dr. William B. Evans, who are the parents of two children, Margaret and William; Charles J., married Bernice McDonough, they have one child, Peter; and Jane, now Mrs. Lawrence McEvoy. Charles carries on his father's business. The life and services of this great and good man were terminated November 3, 1922, but the deep and lasting impression that he made upon the lives of others is one that will not easily nor quickly be forgotten.

Kingsley Montgomery. In the practice of his profession, both in general law matters and in the higher courts of the State and District, Mr. Montgomery, in the course of his activities, has attained to a distinguished leadership in the Pennsylvania Bar, and is accounted one of the foremost lawyers in the state itself. His opportunities for achievement have been given their due recognition through his well-known gifts that have from time to time brought him merited preferment, whether in his profession or in civic interests. He was born in Pittsburgh, August 4, 1874. After receiving private instructions with the Miss Hynmann's Private School, he attended the Pitts-

burgh Academy, later entered the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He then came to the offices of the late Judge William B. Broomall, after which he established an office in the Law Building, Chester, where he has built himself an extensive practice. He is solicitor and member of the Board of Directors of the Chester-Cambridge Trust Company, director and solicitor of the First National Bank of Chester, the J. Lewis Crozer Library, and president of the Board of Managers of the Chester Hospital. Mr. Montgomery is affiliated with the various Masonic fraternities and his clubs are the Penn, Chester, Springhaven, Y. M. C. A., Union League of Philadelphia. Miss Alice Timmons became the wife of Mr. Montgomery and their religious associations are with the Wallingford Presbyterian Church, in whose uplifting and Christianizing influence they bear no insignificant part.

Honorable John Martin Broomall III. Among distinguished, representative families of Delaware County, few can point to as illustrious a lineage as can Judge John Martin Broomall III, whose background has been marked by a succession of brilliant patriots and civic leaders. Through the history of Pennsylvania as province and state the name of Broomall has been synonymous with culture in southeastern Pennsylvania and that section now known as Delaware County. Judge Broomall was born on June 26, 1878 in Media, this county. His parents were the late John Martin Broomall, Jr., an eminent member of the local bar and his mother was Elizabeth (Cook) Broomall. His grandfather was John Martin Broomall, Sr., Congressman and first judge of the Courts of Delaware County after its separation from Chester. John Larkin Jr., first mayor of the City of Chester was Judge Broomall's great grandfather and Judge William B. Broomall, late of the Court of Common Pleas was his uncle. John M. Broomall III received his education in the Friends' School at Media and Philadelphia and the Swarthmore Preparatory School. Following in the footsteps of his forbears he chose his career and entered the offices of the present President Judge W. Roger Fronefield. On the day when he reached his majority, June 26, 1899, he was admitted to the bar and afterwards supplemented his experiences in the law offices with special courses at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. Immediately upon his admission to the bar, Judge Broomall engaged in practice and proved to be a lawyer of the highest calibre and one of the most successful and highly esteemed members of his profession. In June 1926, a vacancy on the bench occurred by the death of Judge Johnson. Governor Gifford Pinchot then appointed Judge Broomall to fill the vacancy thus occasioned, and he was sworn in as associate Judge of Delaware County Courts on July 1, 1926. He is now at the height of his mental and physical powers and has brought to the discharge of his judicial duties an ability which commands the respect of both the bar and public. A marked change has taken place in the conduct of court proceedings in this county since the elevation of Judges Fronefield and Broomall to the bench. Courts generally throughout the country have been criticized because of the supposed lack of business administration, and because of much apparently unnecessary loss of

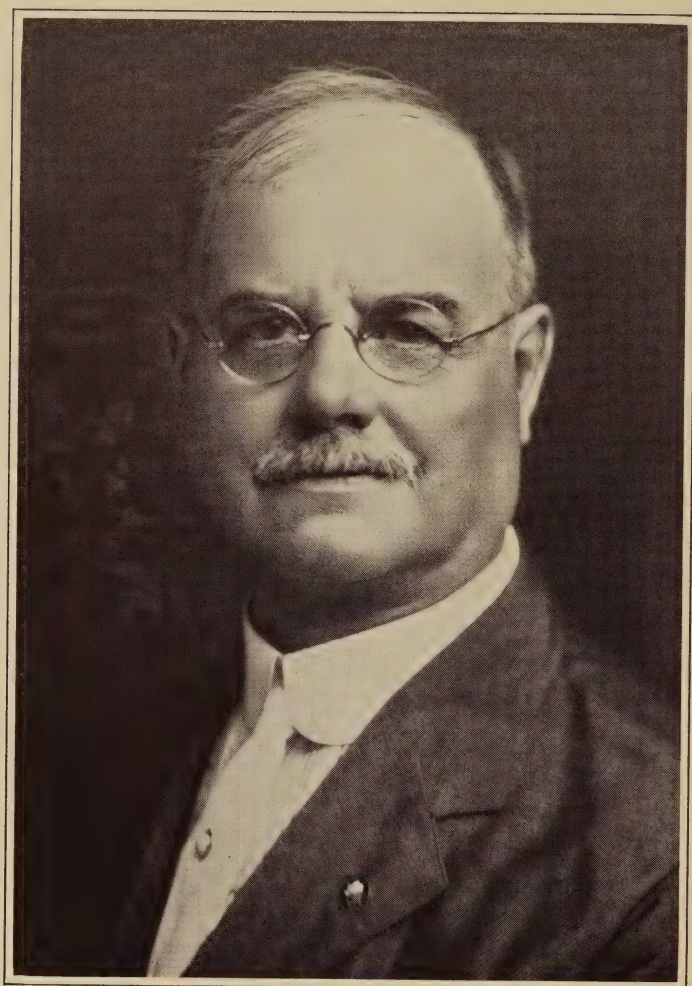
time of litigants, witnesses, jurors and attorneys. Judges Fronefield and Broomall have brought about a great change in this regard in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County. It is estimated that the financial saving to litigants, witnesses, and attorneys resulting from these procedural changes run into many thousands of dollars annually. During the Spanish American War in 1898, Judge Broomall volunteered and served as a member of Company C, 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, having previously served for three years in the Pennsylvania National Guards. He married Miss Margaret Crummer Hamilton of Chester and is the father of four children: Margaret Hamilton, wife of Charles Noble Butler, Jr.; John M. Broomall IV; Katherine Vaughn, wife of John D. Gordy, Jr.; and Thomas Hamilton. The Judge is a member of the American Pennsylvania and Delaware County Bar Associations and of the Delaware County Historical Society. Prior to his elevation to the Bench he was a member of the Republican Party and attends the Hicksite Meeting.

Henry Gould Sweney. Among the younger generation of prominent and respected citizens of Chester, none stand higher nor possess a wider circle of friends than Captain Henry Gould Sweney, lawyer and veteran of the World War. His career has been marked by continuous advancement in a difficult profession, one in which success can only come as a result of merit and ability, and he holds an enviable position in legal circles of this community. Captain Sweney was born in Chester on June 2, 1894, the son of B. Hillyard Sweney, and Ada J. (Black) Sweney. B. Hillyard Sweney was born in West Chester and became identified with the Chester National Bank as cashier, a position in which he became widely known in banking circles of Eastern Pennsylvania. He died on May 11, 1923. Ada J. (Black) Sweney was a member of an old and honored family in this vicinity and is at present residing in Chester. Henry Gould Sweney received his basic education in the Chester Public Schools. He graduated from the local high school and then enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, where he distinguished himself in athletics and was granted the A.B. Degree in 1915. The World War interrupted his preparation for a legal career which he began in the law offices of Isaac Johnson at Media. Upon his return from the service of the United States he resumed his study in the law school of Temple University, and was admitted to the Delaware County Bar in 1920. He has developed a wide general practice and has offices in the Gibson Building. Captain Sweney's record in the Army of the United States was characterized by a high sense of responsibility and loyalty that Americans of substantial backgrounds, such as he represents, can well emulate. He served with Company C of the 6th Pennsylvania Infantry; Company C of the 111th Infantry, 28th Division; and rose to the rank of Lieutenant in the supply company of the 108th Field Artillery, and later became Regimental Adjutant; was located at Brigade Headquarters of the 53rd Field Artillery and finally commanded Battery E of the 109th Field Artillery. This remarkable service was performed in the period from April

7, 1917 to May 18, 1919. Few Pennsylvanians, if any, can point to such military achievements as those made by Captain Sweney, who is a prominent member of the American Legion. It is obvious that he is more than a nominal member of the P. O. S. of A. The Chester Club lists him among its members. He is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and maintains a political allegiance with the Republican Party. He married Miss Margaret M. Campbell of Chester, and to this union were born three children: Elizabeth C., B. Hillyard II., Margaret R. Sweney.

Charles A. Wagner. It falls to the lot of comparatively few men to complete a career of such constructive endeavor, such wide-spread beneficence, as that of the late Dr. Charles A. Wagner. The ramifications of his career were many and diverse, but he will be remembered chiefly as a distinguished author and educator. His success in these correlated fields of endeavor was predicated to a great extent upon his unusual powers of observation, his talents as a student of human nature and his innate forensic ability. His sudden death late in 1924 lost to Delaware County and educational circles a man they could ill afford to lose, but a man whose works will live after him. Charles A. Wagner was a native of Hamburg, Berks County, the son of Jacob and Sarah (Wanner) Wagner. He was born December 15, 1863 and acquired his education in the primary schools of Berks County, the high schools of Montgomery County, and acquired his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degree at Ursinus College, later taking post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania to achieve the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Early in life, he manifested a deep interest in educational matters, and he became an earnest and active student. Upon leaving college, his first important work was at a township school, and later at the West Chester State Teacher's College where he was an instructor in Education for many years. In 1913, Governor Miller of the State of Delaware invited him to accept the appointment of Commissioner of Education for the State. After the expiration of his term in 1917, he came to Chester as superintendent of city schools where he remained until his death on November 21, 1924. During his sojourn in Chester, Dr. Wagner took an active interest in the civic affairs, although he never aspired to political office. He also introduced many new ideas in educational methods in the school system of the city, many of them still being used. He was the author of "Common Sense in School Supervision", a book which is widely used today, and also contributed many noteworthy articles for school journals. Dr. Wagner married Sarah Kulp on July 2, 1888. She is the daughter of Isaac and Susan (Landes) Kulp, both of whom date their parentage back to colonial ancestry. Mrs. Wagner is a graduate of Ursinus College. Dr. and Mrs. Wagner were the parents of two children: Ernest Carl, a graduate of Ursinus College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and University of Pennsylvania with the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, now a professor of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania; Edna Marie, a graduate of Ursinus College and now an instructor of English in the Chester High School.





W. O. McClurg

William O. McClurg. For nearly half a century, the services of William O. McClurg were engaged in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia, where his wide information and innumerable contacts acquired through the many years of his connection with the company became invaluable alike to employer and employee. His exceptional record is a fitting complement to the office which he now fills, that of City Controller for Chester. Mr. McClurg was educated in the public schools here and for five years was in a Retail Meat Dealer Store, before he entered the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company which he left, a veteran of forty-two years service, on December 31, 1923. The city of Chester is fortunate in having this able man whose knowledge of business was obtained in the offices of one of the greatest transportation systems of the country and who himself was a vital factor in the growth of that great public utility. He is well known as a civic and political leader of Chester who dispatches the business of controller with celerity and accuracy. Mr. McClurg was born in Schuylkill Haven on October 1, 1859, a son of Andrew McClurg, who was born in Hanover, York County and Rosanna (Bast) McClurg, a resident of Schuylkill Haven. The former followed the trade of ship joiner in Chester for many years before becoming a carpenter contractor here. William McClurg is an active member of the Republican Party, the Modern Woodmen of America, and attends the First Baptist Church of Chester. He was married twice, first to Miss Margaret Newlin of a prominent family in Upper Chichester Township, Delaware County. She died in 1892 and was survived by her husband and one son, Joseph Newlin McClurg. Miss Alice Bachman of Pottsville became the second wife of Mr. McClurg and they reside at 517 West Seventh Street, Chester, where they have gained many staunch and loyal friends.

Lewis Citrenbaum, Doctor of Chiropractic, is one of the leading Chiropractors of Delaware County. A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, he was born July 29, 1900, and is the son of Maurice J. and Nellie H. Citrenbaum. The Citrenbaum family moved to Somerville, New Jersey and it was there that Lewis Citrenbaum received his early education. After having completed his course in the public schools, Dr. Citrenbaum attended the Eastern College of Chiropractic in New York and received his degree from that institution in 1924. For a short time thereafter, he practiced in New York at 128 West 75th Street, then in Bound Brook, New Jersey, in order to gather experience in his profession and in October 1924 he came to Chester. He is regarded as one of the foremost younger members of his profession in the city and county, where he has developed an extensive practice. He is a member of the Delaware County, Pennsylvania and National Chiropractic Associations as well as the Maryland Association where he has been licensed to practice. He retains membership in the Eastern Alumni Association. Fraternally and socially he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 48 and the Garden City Civic and Tennis Clubs. During the World War Dr. Citrenbaum had charge of the Motor Transport

in the District of Bound Brook, New Jersey, under Major Reed. On November 25, 1926, Dr. Citrenbaum married Miss Matilda Levine of Somerville, New Jersey and they make their home at Chestnut Parkway, Garden City.

Silas Gildersleeve Comfort, deceased, was one of the finest type of men that America best produces, alert, active, vigorous, undertaking many things and carrying them through to success and at the same time finding opportunities for making enduring friendships, and for attending to those duties which every prominent man finds thrust upon him. Mr. Comfort's whole life was wrapped up in the work of the Pennsylvania Military College. His work with the college was enough to take up an ordinary man's time, but in addition to this he looked after his other affairs, took a vital interest in education, with which he was so closely connected and belonged to various clubs and lodges. As for his genius in making and keeping friends, this cannot be better shown than by mentioning the tribute paid him at the time of his death by the student body of the Pennsylvania Military College. A beautiful book was dedicated to his memory and one particular paragraph truly describes the character of the man and the feeling his associates had for him. He served as vice-president; he financed the institution; he taught five hours each day; and he did them all well. Mr. Comfort was born April 27, 1866, in New York State, son of Silas Gildersleeve and Anna (Foster) Comfort. He attended the public schools of his home, and later studied at the University of Syracuse, New York, where he was the first student to earn the degree of Master of Architecture. Following this he entered Pennsylvania Military College where he graduated as a civil engineer. Upon finishing his course at the Pennsylvania Military College, where he had also taken post-graduate work in engineering, he was invited to accept the position as instructor of civil engineering. He was subsequently made treasurer of the institution and later was also made vice-president. In spite of the demands upon his time, he continued his classes in engineering. Mr. Comfort was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Masonic Order, also serving as the twenty-eighth president of the Engineers Club of Philadelphia. On June 28, 1892, Mr. Comfort married Helen de Lannoy, daughter of Felix N. and Martha (Crosby) de Lannoy, the former being a native of Antwerp, Belgium, who spent most of his time in Brussels, Belgium, and who came to the United States in about 1851. He taught school in Rome, Georgia, for a few years, later locating in Chester, where he established a young ladies seminary. Following this he occupied a chair in languages at the Pennsylvania Military College. The mother was of English descent, a native of Vermont, and a member of distinguished colonial ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Comfort became the parents of two children: Martha de Lannoy; and Frederick, who married Miss Alberta Peters of Kansas City. Frederick is an officer in the United States Regular Army, stationed at Chester as assistant to Major Anderson of the Pennsylvania Military College where he graduated, and where he now has charge of the cavalry detail. Mr. Comfort passed away July 12, 1910, and the withdrawal of his splendid influence is one that can

not easily be replaced. Mr. Comfort was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was President of the Board of Trustees. At the time of Mr. Comfort's death, he had just been appointed Consulting Engineer of Chester.

James Paiste Wetherill, deceased, was a prominent and highly respected resident of Chester, until the time of his death which occurred May 1, 1911. He was born April 27, 1871 in Chester, a son of John and Eliza (Paiste) Wetherill, both natives of Merion. The father, an eminent citizen of his generation, owned an extensive farm where Park Place is now located. It is interesting to note that the John Wetherill public school located on Twenty-fourth Street in Chester is named in his honor. After receiving his education in the Westtown Friends School, where he specialized in the study of drafting and engineering, with his cousin, he became connected with a machine shop where he applied his ability and knowledge, and remained there for about six years. Subsequently he established his own machine shop at Fifth and Concord Avenues. The business expanded in a gratifying manner under his capable and efficient management. He specialized in the building of heavy equipment among them being many huge dredges used by the United States Government. Mr. Isaac Wetherill, a brother of the subject of this review was taken in as a partner and the firm name became Wetherill Brothers, continuing until the death of Mr. Wetherill. Miss Susan Fahnestock became the wife of Mr. Wetherill, October 28, 1902. She is the daughter of Professor Charles Fahnestock, a distinguished faculty member of the Pennsylvania Military College. Professor Fahnestock is of German extraction, his family settling in Delaware County prior to Revolutionary War Days. He was a professor of English, Drawing and Penmanship for thirty-eight years, and at one time was treasurer at the Pennsylvania Military College. He died in 1901 at Chester. Mrs. Wetherill's mother was Jane E. Bowman, formerly of Millersburg, Dauphin County, also a member of a pioneer family. Mr. and Mrs. Wetherill were the parents of one daughter, Katherine, now attending business college. They were members of the Society of Friends. Mrs. Wetherill makes her home in the house where she was born, located at 1220 Providence Avenue, Chester. Mr. Wetherill was a member of the Woodman's Lodge.

Walter Anderson Pierce. Chester lost one of her best known and most honored residents when Walter Anderson Pierce passed away on March 27, 1928, at the age of 55 years, after a very brief illness. Mr. Pierce demonstrated his fidelity to high ideals, which, judging from his career, have been thus concisely and beautifully put into words: "To be a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, a man without guile, submissive to law, obedient to authority, thoughtful, kind, and above all, loyal to country and self." Like his father, Mr. Pierce was a native of Chester, having been born there June 16, 1873, a son of William Bail and Emeline Harvey (Linderman) Pierce, the former of whom was a prominent builder and contractor, and a leader in his vocation. He attended the public schools of Chester, with a desire to be a surgeon, but subse-

quent to the death of his father, it was necessary for him to abandon this idea and to immediately earn a living. He then became apprenticed to the barbering profession and having learned his trade, established himself in business at Sixth Street and Concord Avenue, Chester. He remained in this location for nineteen years, when the demands of his trade required larger quarters and accordingly he removed to Seventh and Concord Streets, where he continued until his death. Mr. Pierce was a man of broad sympathy and interests, and was connected widely in business, political, fraternal and social organizations. He was a member of the L. H. Scott Chapter No. 352, Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Malta, and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. In politics he was an Independent Republican. Though Mr. Pierce was a man of reserve, he exercised a wide influence over those with whom he was associated, and to him was given the joy of knowing from the lips of his many faithful and devoted friends that he had done well, acted nobly. Walter A. Pierce married Alice Maud Story, daughter of George Hall and Ada E. (Fensome) Story, the former being a native of New Haven, Connecticut, who early in his life located in Chester, where he established himself as one of the leaders of the commercial and business world. Some of his many successful business ventures were an ice and coal business and an extensive heavy drayage business. Ada Fensome Story was a native of St. Aubons, England. George Hall Story, Mrs. Pierce's father had the privilege of extensive travel through the United States and Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were the parents of two children: Walter Bing Pierce, born in 1903, who died in infancy; and Charlotte Mildred Pierce, born 1905. The family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Pierce family of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. They maintain their home at 624 Concord Avenue, Chester.

James Milbourn. In the three score years that spanned the life of James Milbourn, he won for himself a high place in the business world and a position of respect and esteem among his contemporaries. His whole life was dedicated to upholding the high ideals of business and civic life held by his forebears. He was born in Kent City, Delaware, May 17, 1859, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Milbourn, both members of pioneer families of Delaware. James Milbourn was educated in the public schools of Kent City and received his higher education under private tutorage. Thereafter he purchased the famous old "Arthur Hotel," Kent City, which he operated in connection with a general mercantile store. After many successful years in this field of endeavor, Mr. Milbourn sold the hotel and the family removed to Chester where he built an extensive truck garden commission business, under the firm name of James G. Milbourn. As his two eldest sons attained their majority, he made them partners in the concern changing the firm name to James Milbourn & Sons. The business continued to flourish up to the time of Mr. Milbourn's death, when it was sold in order to liquidate the estate. Mr. Milbourn was always an influential factor in civic betterment projects, taking an active part in the affairs of the city. He married

Clara M. Powell, a daughter of Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Cubbage) Powell, the former being an extensive farmer in the state of Delaware. Eleven children were born to this union: Belle, deceased, who married Clinton Keycholtz; Reynolds, Russell, Charles, deceased; Flossie, deceased; James G. Jr., Farwell, Maud; Velda, now Mrs. Fred McDowell of Chester; Pearl, married to Milton McDowell of Chester; and Charles, deceased. James Milbourn departed this life in 1919, at Chester, and in his passing the whole community felt the withdrawal of his fine spirit and able assistance, for it is on men of this type that the stability and progressiveness of the State depend. Mrs. Milbourn continues to make her home at the family residence located at No. 715 Fulton Street, Chester.

Albert Smith, deceased, was prominent in industrial and fraternal circles in Delaware County for many years. He was a native of this county, having been born March 23, 1873, in Chester, a son of Theodore and Sarah (Crosson) Smith, natives of Chester County, where the former followed the trade of woodworker for the Stroud Manufacturing Company, for thirty years. Albert Smith attended the public schools of Chester, and as a young man became employed as a helper at the Roach Shipyard, receiving a weekly salary of nine dollars. He later became apprenticed to the machinist trade for the same firm, and upon completing his apprenticeship, his salary was advanced to fifteen dollars per week. After several years, he took a position as machinist, with the South Chester Tube Mills, where he remained until the Baldwin Locomotive Works located in Eddystone, and he transferred to that firm in the same capacity. He advanced very rapidly with the last named concern until he was made superintendent of operation and maintenance of the massive cranes used in hoisting locomotives. He held this position until his death which occurred September 4, 1928. Mr. Smith was an active member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Red Men. Miss Elizabeth Clegg, daughter of John and Mary Jane (Birbeck) Clegg, both natives of England, who settled in Chester County, became the wife of Mr. Smith on February 9, 1898. Seven children were born to this union: Albert B., married Flossie Kyefer, they have three children, Marjorie, Homer and Margaret; Thomas, married Mildred Markley, they have one child, Florence; Theodore, married Eunice Short; James, married Clara Beckly, they have one child, Ruth Clara; Elizabeth; Mary, now Mrs. Herman W. Hall of Chester; and Ruth. The Smith family are communicants of the Trinity Methodist Church. In the passing of Mr. Smith, the community lost a man who put his services to others above self, and whose family continue to maintain the same high standards and ideals that he set for them.

Joseph Kestner, who died February 10, 1915, was for thirty-five years a well-known and highly-respected resident of Chester. He was born March 15, 1859, in Baden, Germany, a son of Anthony and Eva Kestner. Joseph Kestner received his education in the schools of Germany and at the age of

twenty-one, after serving five years in government service, was given command of a government steamer. The steamer was used for conveying material used for building forts, but at the age of twenty-two, he resigned his position to come to America. In 1880, he settled in Chester, where he was employed at first at the old Pipe and Tube Mills, Standard Steel Casting Works. Later when the American Steel Foundry was erected he was employed at that plant. At the time of his death, he was a member of the German Beneficial Society and American Employees Association. He married Marie Eichel on January 6, 1886. She was a daughter of Gottlieb and Louise (Wolf) Eichel. The first child of Gottlieb and Louise Eichel was born in the same year that the Prince of Saxony was. As was the custom then, the royal family conducted a search of Saxony to secure the most perfect young mother to rear the heir, and Mrs. Eichel was selected. She was the private nurse of the young prince until he became a young man, and her loving care of the young Prince was never forgotten by the later ruler of the small kingdom of the German Empire. He wrote periodically to Mrs. Eichel when she emigrated to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Kestner were the parents of the following children: Herman J., Joseph Jr., deceased; and Louise, now Mrs. Theodore Middleton. Mr. Kestner was a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and Mrs. Kestner was of the Lutheran faith. Mrs. Kestner resides at 326 West Ninth Street, Chester.

Alfred P. Jump, who died at his home in Chester, February 9, 1917, was one of the highly respected citizens of Chester. He was born January 11, 1858, the son of Alfred P. and Wilhelmina (Harper) Jump, in Eastern Maryland. Mr. Jump attended the public schools of his home, and after completing his education entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, starting as a telegraph operator in the freight department in 1887. His ability and faithful service soon won for him the advancement to freight agent, which position he held until his retirement in 1913. Mr. Jump married Elizabeth Hannum, a daughter of Amor T. and Elizabeth (Metcalf) Hannum, the former of whom was identified in the grain and wheat business in Chester. Mr. and Mrs. Jump were the parents of the following children: A. P., Meta, Morgan, Helen E., who married Chandler Hannum, Amor M., Reba, now Mrs. Pierce, Wilmer K., J. Marion, Charles Kingston, Randolph H., Evan T., Ruth, who married W. G. Clark and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Jump were communicants of the Baptist Church and the latter still makes her home at 616 West Seventh Street, Chester. Mr. Jump was a member of the Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Charles S. Haselnuss, well-known attorney of Delaware County, was born December 23, 1900, in Philadelphia, and is the son of Samuel and Lottie (Weisel) Haselnuss. The father is a native of Vienna, Austria, who migrated to this country as a young man, located in Philadelphia where he now lives retired. After receiving his education in the Philadelphia





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schools, Charles S. Haselnuss entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1923. Subsequently he determined to study law and to that end he matriculated at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania and completed his legal studies in 1926. In that same year he entered upon the active practice of his profession, where he has since continued. His success has been such as to win him favorable recognition among his colleagues. Mr. Haselnuss maintains his office at No. 3 South Avenue, Media. He is a member of the Prospect Lodge No. 578, F. & A. M., McKean Law Club of the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Bar, and a member of the Delaware County Bar Association. Politically Mr. Haselnuss is a Republican. His residence is at 55 Beaumont Avenue, Philadelphia.

John Alexander Russell, deceased, was for many years prominent in journalistic circles of Delaware County. He was born November 23, 1874, at Chester Town, Maryland, a son of James A. and Amanda (Sparks) Russell. John A. Russell was educated in the public schools of Chester Town, Maryland. As a young man, his first position was that of fireman in a sash factory, but he early decided against that as a career, and then became associated with his brother, Lawrence Bates Russell, who was owner and manager of the *Chester Town Enterprise*, the leading newspaper of that vicinity. Here he learned all branches of newspaper printing. In 1907 he came to Chester and made rapid advancement with the *Chester Times*. After several years he went to Wilmington, Delaware, and was connected with the *Sunday Star*. He returned to Chester after a few year's time to accept the position of foreman of the job printing department of the *Chester Times*, which position he held until his death which occurred January 5, 1928. Mr. Russell was a communicant of the Baptist Church and was fraternally affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and was for fourteen years secretary of the Workmen of the World, and in politics he pledged his allegiance to the Republican Party. On September 9, 1903, Mr. Russell married Mary B. Hoffecker, daughter of Abraham P. Hoffecker, a farmer of Queen Ann County, Maryland, and Martha R. (Cosden) Hoffecker, a member of a pioneer family in Maryland. The rapidity of Mr. Russell's rise in commercial circles, the respect accorded him by men and women from all the walks of life, and his popularity among a host of friends, made his death a great tragedy to them all.

Arthur L. Reeser, one of the leading lawyers of Delaware County, is known by the members of the legal profession as one of its most talented men. He was born May 15, 1881, at Williamsport, Lycoming County, the son of James C. and Anna A. (Musselman) Reeser. The father was for more than half a century a clergyman in the United Evangelical Church in Central Pennsylvania. Arthur L. Reeser received his education in the public schools, of York, after which he attended the York Academy, and graduated from the Law School of Dickinson College in the class of 1905.

The next three years, he engaged in the practice of law at Carlisle, Penna., and in 1908 he joined the Editorial Staff of the Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company, a prominent Publishing Company of Rochester, New York. After ten years time he removed to Chester and resumed his private practice, remaining there until he formed his present partnership of Lutz, Ervin, Reeser and Fronefield in Media, where he has enjoyed continuous success. He is a member of the Delaware County Bar Association, and the State Bar Association. He married Clara Bell Scholl of Landisburg, Perry County, and to them have been born the following children: James Ralston, Claire L. and Alfred Lee. Mr. Reeser is a member of the Republican Party, and his college fraternity is the Theta Delta Phi. Mr. and Mrs. Reeser are residents of Springfield Township, Delaware County.

Charles H. Russell. Contacts through experience in leading publishing houses of the country place, Charles H. Russell, Manager of the Branch Office of the *Chester Times* at Media, in a position of unusual merit and responsibility in newspaper circles of Eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Russell was born in Philadelphia on December 17, 1889, where his father James O. Russell was prominently identified with the political life of the city and held several important offices. His mother was Sarah (Wright) Russell. Charles Russell attended the Philadelphia Public Schools, and completed his formal preparation for his career in the Central High School there. The first experience he met in newspaper work came when he was employed by the *Philadelphia Record*. In time he associated himself with the Curtis Publishing Company, one of the best-known establishments of its kind in America. He left the Curtis Company to accept a position with the firm of Strawbridge & Clothier. Delaware County learned to know him later when he became the publisher of a newspaper here. Nearly two years ago the progressive *Chester Times* chose him to be the manager of their branch office at Media. In this capacity he has done much to establish Delaware County's leading newspaper throughout the county towns. The valuable experiences that he has had in other publishing houses, and the fact that he has many years of activity before him, make his association with the *Chester Times* of great importance to the journalistic organ and to himself. The great interest he takes in education has been very advantageous to the schools of Marple Township where he serves as a member of the School Board. Progressive in all matters that affect community life Mr. Russell has identified himself with the Republican Party. He married Miss Jessie E. Pritchard, a native of England, and a daughter of Herbert and Zellah Pritchard, the latter a native of Downingtown. The father came from England and settled in Downingtown, where he was for many years employed by the P. R. R., but in later years was retired. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell. They are Charles, Alma, Jessie and Ruth. The Russells are members of the Marple Presbyterian Church and reside in Broomall.

Edward H. P. Fronefield, a nephew of Judge W. Roger Fronefield, a practitioner in all branches of the law in Media, since 1924, popular in his court activities and as a legal adviser, has a well-merited repute as an attorney. Prominent in the social and civic activities of Delaware County, Mr. Fronefield represents the present day attitude in this section of the State in the progress of both his business and professional interests. Edward H. P. Fronefield, a son of Joseph M. Jr., and Lizzie Mills (Pugh) Fronefield, was born July 16, 1899, in Wayne, Radnor Township, where he attended the public schools. He prepared for his profession at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated from the Arts and Science Course in 1921, with a degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Law School in 1924; and from that time has built up a lucrative practice in Media. Mr. Fronefield is a member of the law firm of Lutz, Erwin, Reeser and Fronefield of Media. During the World War, he served with the Motor Transport Company No. 2 as a private. Mr. Fronefield is a member of the Anthony Wayne Post No. 418 of the American Legion, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, St. David's Golf Club, Delaware County Bar Association, Lawyer's Club of Delaware County, James Wilson Law Club of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Delta Sigma Phi College Fraternity. Miss Martha Washburn of Delanson, New York, became the wife of Mr. Fronefield and they are the parents of one child, Martha Louise, born October 20, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Fronefield attend the Central Baptist Church, and the Valley Meeting of Friends of Wayne where they make their home at 105 Poplar Avenue.

John Deans is a progressive and enterprising business man of Eddystone, where he is proprietor of Dean's Drug Store. He was born at Eddystone, Delaware County, June 17, 1897, the son of Charles and Mary (Innes) Deans. Charles Deans and Mrs. Deans, both natives of Scotland, migrated to this country in their youth, settling in Eddystone where they continued to reside. John Deans received his education in the public schools of Eddystone, Temple Preparatory School and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1920. Upon finishing college, he established his present business, located at 900 Saville Street. His high professional standards and readiness to serve the public has brought him remarkable success in his business. Mr. Deans' ideals of merchandising are typified by modern equipment, courteous service and a high grade line of pharmaceutical supplies. Mr. Deans married Mary A. Potter of Altoona, and they are the parents of three children: Charles, John Jr., and Mary Ann. Mr. Deans adheres to the principles of the Republican Party, and fraternally is a member of the bodies of the Masonic Order. During the World War Mr. Deans enlisted in the United States Hospital Navy Corps and saw transport service on the boat U. S. S. Orizba. Mr. Deans' college fraternity is the Kappa Psi.

Oliver N. Smith. Many are the civic interests of Delaware County and its vicinity, and those activities that have to do with the helpful progress of a community are the ones with which Mr. Smith has been associated

since the beginning of his career to the present time. He is known as a talented and broad gauge citizen ready to call for the performance of his part in municipal duty. Toward the present day upbuilding of Delaware County in civic lines Mr. Smith is rendering a service of enduring record. He is the son of George and Mary (DeGavul) Smith, both natives of Maryland, who moved to Delaware County where he became a well known and highly respected member of the Darby Police Force. After finishing his education in the public schools of Darby, Oliver Smith became employed by the Philadelphia Traction Company and remained there in various capacities for twelve years. The next thirteen years found him following his father's footsteps as a member of the Darby Police. In 1917 he was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for Delaware County and four years later was appointed Delaware County Detective Chief. During the World War Mr. Smith was a member of the Home Guard at Darby. Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Mary Schwartz of Philadelphia. To this union were born the following children: Helen, Oliver Jr., Florence, and Mildred. Mr. Smith is a follower of the principles of the Republican Party. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Encampment, Masons, Blue Lodge, Elks, Moose and Junior Order of United American Mechanics claim him among their members. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at 4 South Fourteenth Street, Darby, and are members of the Methodist Church.

A. Wilson Mathues, is a public spirited citizen of Media, who has had an active public life. He is Chief Burgess of Media, has been connected with the office of Recorder of Deeds since 1902 and is an active Republican. He is well known in the county and highly respected. A. Wilson Mathues was born in Media December 15, 1870, the son of Andrew W. and Emma (Eyre) Mathues. Dr. Mathues will be remembered as a prominent Delaware County physician, who served as surgeon in the Civil War with the 128th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Mathues, as a lad, attended the public schools of Media and the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia. After completing his education, he learned the electrical contracting business in Media, in which he remained until becoming associated with the Recorder of Deeds office in 1902. During the Spanish American War, Mr. Mathues served as First Sergeant in Company H, 6th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. He is a member of the Elks Club of Chester, Sons of Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Media Fire Company, Media Republican Club. Mr. Mathues attends the Episcopal Church and resides at 330 West State Street, Media.

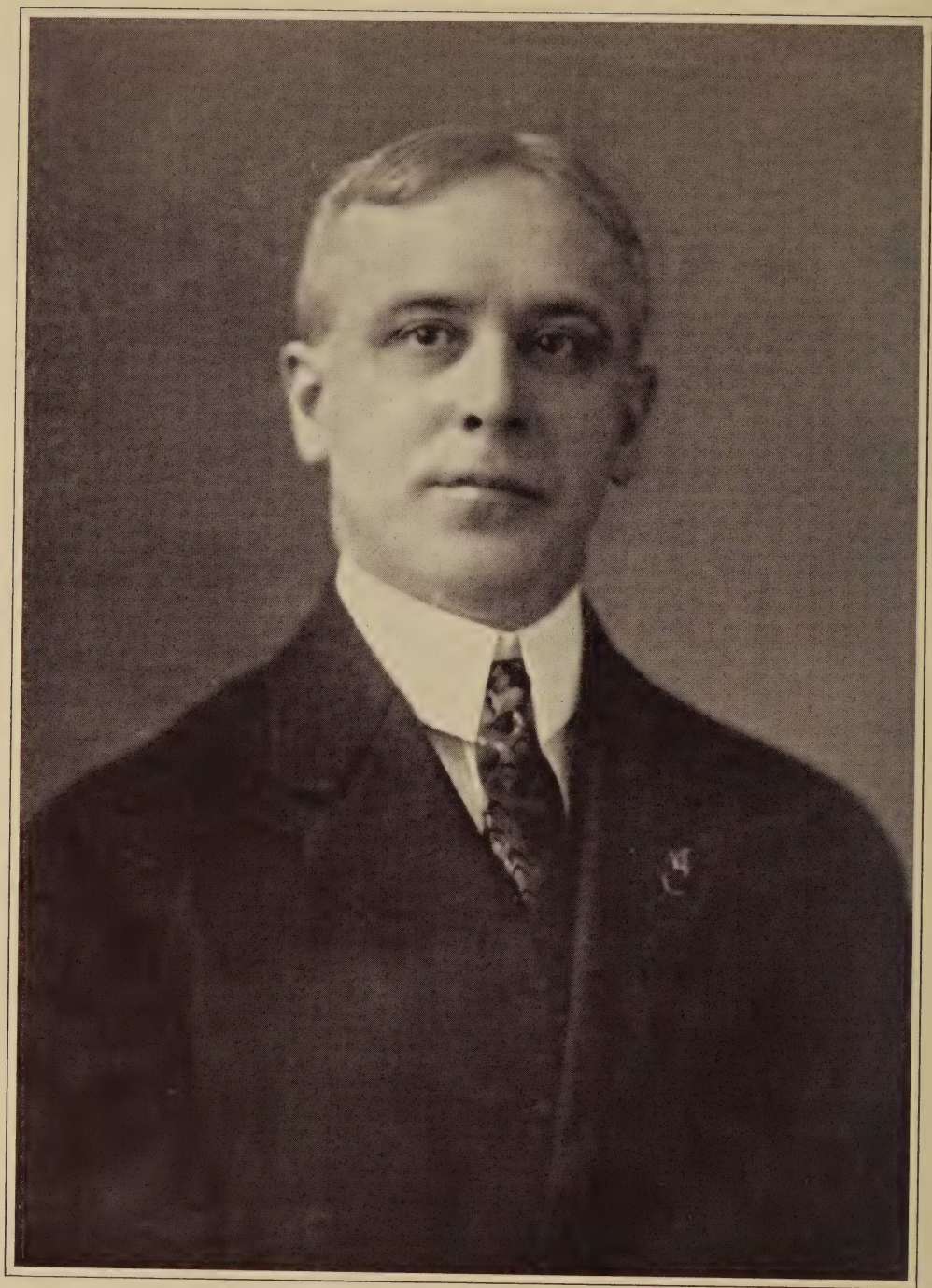
John F. Bauer. As an important factor in the civic development of his community, John F. Bauer now city treasurer has occupied a vital role in the affairs of Chester. He is the son of Jacob B. and Kate (Sweeney) Bauer, the former of whom spent most of his life in Philadelphia. John F. Bauer was born in Chester November 9, 1881 and received his education in the public schools of Chester. He began his business career in the employ of

William J. McClure in 1902 and through loyalty, faithful devotion and administrative ability now occupies the position of trust of secretary to the interests of John J. McClure, the son of William J. Because of his intense interest in the affairs of his community, he has occupied many public positions. In 1916 he was a member of the Board of Enginers of the Fire Department of Chester. The next twelve years find him rising from the rank of second assistant Fire Chief to first assistant and finally to the position of Chief of Chester Fire Department. During the World War Mr. Bauer was Fire Marshal at the Merchants Ship Building Company. Always an enthusiastic Republican, Mr. Bauer was persuaded by his friends to run for City Treasurer and was elected in 1928 by a pleasing majority. He resigned his post of Fire Chief when elected to public office. Mr. Bauer was united in marriage to Genevieve Eckenroth of Chester and to this union have been born five children: Kathryn, John F. Jr., Robert F., Genevieve, and Mary. Mr. Bauer is a member of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association, Chester Firemen's Relief, the Keystone, Eastern and International Fire Chief's Associations. The Elks, Moose, Knights of Columbus and the Franklin Fire Company also claim Mr. Bauer among their members. The Bauer family are communicants of St. Robert's Roman Catholic Church and they make their home at 2214 Madison Street, Chester.

Honorable Walter H. Craig, at one time a representative in the Legislature of Pennsylvania from Delaware County, and always an active sponsor of civic improvement, is the present Commissioner of Parks and Public Property in Chester. He was born in this city on February 24, 1880, a son of Jacob Craig, Jr., a native of Delaware, and Amelia (Hibshman) Craig, of Ephrata, Lancaster County. As a young man Jacob Craig, Jr., came to Chester, and remained here for the balance of his life, as Superintendent of the Chester Shipping Company. His son, Walter H. Craig, was educated in the local schools and was first employed by the company of which his father was superintendent. After reaching his majority he became associated with the Chester Ice Company and eventually organized and conducted Penn Ice Works, Inc., which he sold in 1920. Since his retirement from active business Mr. Craig has divided his time between travel and service to the public. In the latter phase of activity he is widely known to the citizens of Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1923 he was elected to serve as a member of the State Legislature, sessions 1923-1925, from Delaware County on the Republican ticket, and resigned to give undivided attention to civic improvement in Chester as a member of the City Council to which he was elected in September 1925. As a member of the council he has become purchasing agent for the city as well as Superintendent of Parks and Public Property. In these capacities he has taken advantage of every opportunity to increase the attractiveness of the city and to make it a center for progressive business establishments and well-kept homes. Mr. Craig is also a very active member of fraternal and service organizations. He married Miss Etta James of Chester and they reside at Twenty-fourth and Crozer Streets.

William J. MacCarter, Jr. In every community men must be found to perform the duties involved in the activities of the various phases of the life of the whole. When a man enters the sphere in which he is best fitted to be useful to his fellows he becomes a benefactor to his community, and his work is of value to his own generation and to those who are to come after. One of the men who have had the wisdom to choose their true sphere is William J. MacCarter, Jr., who, before he has attained middle age, holds the office of District Attorney for Delaware County, and President of the Prospect Park State Bank, remarkable achievements in any career. Mr. MacCarter is the son of William J. MacCarter, a leader in the political circles of Norwood and Delaware County, who has resided here for nearly thirty years, and Margaret (Caterson) MacCarter. William MacCarter, Jr., was born in Philadelphia on September 17, 1890. His preparatory education was acquired in the Norwood Public Schools, after which he became a student in the West Chester Normal School, from which he graduated, and taught at Lehighton, Carbon County, for two years. He had fostered the desire to enter the legal profession for some time before actually becoming a student in the University of Pennsylvania from which he graduated in 1915. Under the learned jurist, the present Justice William I. Shaffer of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in turn a prominent Delaware County lawyer, and Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, Mr. MacCarter became versed in the knowledge of the law and laid the foundation of the brilliant career that was to follow. When the United States became involved in the World War Mr. MacCarter's practice was interrupted, for he enlisted as a private in the Army of the United States. His loyalty to the needs of his country increased his value as a public servant to his community, and after returning from the service with the rank of sergeant he was plunged into the legal affairs of Delaware County. In February 1919 he received the appointment of Assistant District Attorney and on January 1, 1920 became First Assistant. In the eight years that followed he supported the interests of his county with keen intelligence, remarkable capacity and unhesitatingly gave of the best of his talents and time to the enforcement of law and the maintenance of order. The reputation for fairness in judgment that he had attained as an Assistant to the District Attorney, combined with his other fine traits of character and his undeniable ability to execute the duties of the office, made him a logical candidate for District Attorney when the opportunity presented itself. On January 1, 1928 he acceded to that office, and he has held it with recognized distinction ever since. His success can be accounted for partly on the basis of his great variety of interests, which put him in touch with persons from every walk of life. The financial world knows him as the able resourceful young president of the Prospect Park State Bank. Politically, he bears allegiance to the Republican Party, and his fraternal contacts are maintained through the Masons, Shrine, Tall Cedars, Legion of Honor, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in all of which organizations he is a member. The work of the Chester Chamber of Commerce is facilitated by Mr. MacCarter's activity and interest. Hunting and horse-back riding are two





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of his hobbies. He finds respite from the affairs of office in the Aronimink Golf Club, the Jackson Landing and Fishing Club and the Craftsmen Club, all of which list him among their members. The Chester Club and the American Legion are other organizations to which he belongs. Mr. MacCarter married Josephine Comerford, widely-known opera and concert singer, on August 13, 1923. She was a protegee and student of the great Ernestine Schumann-Heink. Mr. MacCarter is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a social leader in his community. They reside at Swarthmore and Felton Avenues, Ridley Park.

William Reid. "He lived in his house by the side of the road, and was a friend to man," and so it was that the influence of William Reid's strong, honest and unselfish life still lives in those whom it was his joy to befriend. William Reid was born December 27, 1868, at Campsie Glen, Scotland, son of Robert and Agnes (Jack) Reid, who came to this country in 1873, locating in Haverstraw, New York and then settling in Eddystone about one year later, where he became employed by the Eddystone Print Works and enjoyed a record of thirty-five years of faithful service. William Reid was educated in the public schools of Eddystone and Chester, and when but twelve years of age, began work as an errand boy in the Eddystone Print Works. Under the guidance of his father, he quickly became an expert machine operator and was given charge of the operation of their largest fourteen color machine, being considered a master printer of exceptional skill. In 1903, he removed to North Adams, Mass., to take a position as foreman of the Arnold Printing Company. This plant produces a superior quality of work, requiring a man of Mr. Reid's keen ability as production manager. He remained there for twenty-one years, subsequently returning to Eddystone as foreman of the factory where he had learned his art. He was however, destined to hold his position for a short time only. He contracted pneumonia while on a business trip to Boston and passed away December 7, 1925, leaving a host of friends to mourn his loss. On February 23, 1900, Mr. Reid married Blanche Kinnamon, daughter of Thomas and Emily W. (Turner) Kinnamon, natives of Maryland, near Centerville, and for many years a highly respected farmer of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Reid were the parents of one child, Henry, born 1912, who married Lillian Brown of Chester. They reside in Chester. Mr. Reid was a member of the Graylock Blue Lodge of Masons, a charter member of the Alpha Boat Club of Chester, a charter member of the fire company at Eddystone, Pa. and at one time he served as burgess of Eddystone for two terms. He lived his life in its deepest, truest sense, being a truly noble man, and his example was a constant inspiration to others. Mrs. Reid maintains her residence at 1407 Washington Avenue, Chester.

Chester Forrest Baker, an engineer and land surveyor, is the son of J. Engle and Sue H. (Flaville) Baker, and was born July 22, 1891. After attending the public schools of his home town, he received his engineering

education through the Evening Schools at Drexel Institute and continued his practice where he has proved successful in his particular line of endeavor. During the World War, Mr. Baker served as a First Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Keystone Masonic Club and a past regent of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Baker married Ruth Coburn of Brookhaven, a daughter of Reece P. and Rebecca S. Coburn. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have one child, Jane Coburn Baker, born 1928. The field of historical research affords him pleasure and serves as a pastime. Mr. Baker believes in the tenets of the Republican Party and is a member of the Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Council of the Delaware County Historical Society.

Wallace Lippincott. Before pursuing his studies in the legal profession, which he has chosen for his life work, Mr. Lippincott followed a course of training in Palmer's Business College, Philadelphia, and took up bookkeeping for several years. After leaving the business school he went to Fargo, South Dakota, the great wheat producing country, to his brother who had already been there for some time. He worked on a large wheat farm near Fargo from the year 1898 to 1901 when he returned and continued his business course. Mr. Lippincott's preparatory education was received in the public schools of Salem County, New Jersey, and after completing his business education, he was occupied as a bookkeeper until 1909. He then determined to study law. Accordingly, he became a student at the Temple University Law School in Philadelphia, and after his admission to the bar, practiced law in that city from 1915 to 1916. There his business training and knowledge of finance, acquired before he took up professional work, were of great assistance to him and he became associated with the Commonwealth Title and Trust Company as assistant Title and Trust Officer. He made an excellent reputation for himself there and the Cambridge Trust Company of Chester made him a splendid offer to come to their organization to take charge of their Title and Trust Department, and he continued in that capacity until 1920. He then resigned from his duties with the Cambridge Trust Company, and entered the real estate business and continued his law practice. In the decade that has elapsed since that time he has steadily and surely made an important place for himself among the lawyers and business men of Delaware County. He is identified with the Society of Friends, in which members of the Lippincott family have been prominent since colonial days. In Masonry, he is connected with the Chapter and Knights Templar, and with the Keystone Club, National Organization of Masonic Bodies, and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chester real estate board, of which he was president in 1922, being secretary for a period of two years. He is a member of the Philadelphia Bar, and the Delaware County Bar, also the Delaware County Bar Association. Mr. Lippincott married Miss Martha Miller, daughter of Dr. J. G. R. Miller, at one time a leading dentist of Philadelphia. The Lippincotts have two children, Wallace Jr., and Martha Wallace Lippincott. They reside in Chester.

T. Woodward Trainer. No family in Delaware County reflects more credit upon the character of its members than does the one of which T. Woodward Trainer is a worthy representative. Before the American Revolution changed the political status of the colonies, the Trainer family were conspicuous in social movements sponsored by the Society of Friends, and in the industrial development of Pennsylvania. In the latter field they were among the early textile manufacturers of the state and under the management of David Trainer, products of the mill in Lower Chichester Township received special notice at the National Fair in Washington, D. C., during May, 1846. Later an award of a bronze medal was made to the firm of David Trainer & Sons for superior tickings at the Paris Exposition in 1878. The contributions of these members of the Trainer family to the economic life and welfare of Pennsylvania are supplemented today by the tireless devotion to the best interests of Chester and Delaware County of T. Woodward Trainer, soldier and executive. He was born at Trainer, this county, on March 7, 1878, a son of Edward Eyre Trainer and Lavinia (Woodward) Trainer. The basis for his career was obtained in the schools of the county. Before he had reached his majority the war with Spain was declared, and Mr. Trainer volunteered his services. President McKinley appointed him a Second Lieutenant in the army and for a year he commanded a company at Santiago, Cuba, after being promoted to First Lieutenant. He returned to the United States and immediately entered into the life and activities of his native county with well directed vigor. As a result of his efforts, which became effective through the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce, where his leadership was quickly acknowledged, Chester has become one of the greatest industrial centers in the Middle Atlantic States. Although much of his time is engaged in his brokerage business, he has always been willing to consider the problems of the city government. In appreciation of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens, he was elected to serve on the city council as a representative of the Independent Republican ticket from January 1, 1918, to January 1, 1922, or for two consecutive terms. As further evidence of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens, Mr. Trainer was elected Mayor of the city of Chester by City Council to serve the unexpired term of Mayor Samuel E. Turner, resigned. As Mayor, Mr. Trainer served from August 11, 1931, to January 4, 1932. He has made many friends through membership in various clubs and organizations. Mr. Trainer is a member of the Military order of Foreign Wars of the United States, Pennsylvania Commandery, the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War, the Brinton Lake Club, the Keystone Automobile Club, the L. H. Scott Lodge No. 352, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a life member, the National League of Masonic Clubs and the Alpha Boat Club. Even though much of his time is given to the advancement of community projects he enjoys hunting, fishing and yachting, which are his favorite sports. He served as Commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club. Early members of the family were identified with the Society of Friends, but several generations ago one of them became an Episcopalian, and that is

Mr. Trainer's religious preference, he being a member of the St. Paul's P. E. Church of Chester. On December 11, 1901 he was united in marriage with Mary Gray Wetherill, eldest daughter of Robert Wetherill. Of the four children born to them, Robert Wetherill and Lena Woodward Trainer are deceased. T. Woodward Jr., and Mary Louise Trainer reside with their parents at Twentieth and Chestnut Streets, Chester.

Henry Noskow, M.D. America has proved to be a land of golden opportunity for the talents of men who know how to use them to the best advantage. Dr. Henry Noskow is one of these persons, for in the two years that he has followed the practice of medicine in Marcus Hook he rapidly forged his way to the front rank of Delaware County physicians. Dr. Noskow was born in Russia on March 15, 1903. He is the son of Jacob and Ida (Alper) Noskow, who settled with their family in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1910. The former is enjoying well earned retirement from a very active life. Dr. Henry Noskow received his preparatory education in the public schools and high school of Wilmington, graduating from the latter institution in 1921. In the autumn of that year he was admitted to the freshman class at the University of Pennsylvania, and was granted the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Liberal Arts Department of the College in 1925. The three years that followed were spent in the medical school, University of Pennsylvania and were marked by constant application and brilliant success in the laboratory and classroom. Dr. Noskow had the advantage of a European background in which thoroughness of detail and careful thought to problems that presented themselves are notable characteristics. All of these traits became evident to his colleagues when he served as interne in Chester Hospital from 1928 to 1929, and as a result he received a regular staff appointment there. He is steadily developing a large practice in Marcus Hook and is a leader among the younger men in the B. P. O. E. of Chester. In professional life he is affiliated with the Delaware County, state and medical societies, also A. M. A., in addition to continuing contacts made at his Alma Mater in the Students Medical Society of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Noskow's offices and residence are at 929 Market Street, Marcus Hook. He is affiliated with the Agudath Israel Lodge of Chester, and is a member of the Ohev Sholom Temple.

John DeHaven White, III, is a scion of one of the best known pioneer families in America, who for five generations have been residents of Delaware County. He was born in Nether Providence Township, this county, on October 15, 1879, a son of John DeHaven White, Jr., a physician and dentist, and Mary (Fisher) White. The latter was a descendent of Daniel Boone, the famous frontiersman and woodsman. Dr. John DeHaven White Jr., the father, was a member of the DeHaven family of French origin, and a descendent of the Merediths of Scotland. Dr. John DeHaven, the first of the line, was a leader of the dental profession in the country, who in the reign of Napoleon III of France was offered the post of Court Dentist there. His

intense devotion to the United States and his faith in its great future caused him to refuse the honor. Here he became an adherent to the principles of the Republican party and became a charter member of its stronghold, the Union League of Philadelphia. In this background of high social responsibility John DeHaven White III, was reared. He received his fundamental education in the Friends' School at Media, and for a time studied law at Swarthmore College. The opportunity to study law under one of the leading members of the Delaware County Bar, William I. Schaffer of Media, now Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, presented itself, and he left college to prepare for admission to the legal profession. In 1903 he was admitted to the Delaware County Bar, and since then has become a recognized leader in his profession. He is particularly noted for his great knowledge of literature and for the facility with which he can call to his assistance the greatest phrases penned by man. In political preference he follows his illustrious grandfather as a member of the Republican party. He is a member of the County and State Bar Associations and also a member of the Superior and Supreme Courts of the United States. Mr. White married Miss Anna Dalton, who died in 1928. Mrs. Wilbur P. Klapp, Jr., of Radnor, formerly Miss Natalie White, and the Misses Muriel DeHaven White and Margaret White, students at Miss Irwin's School, are their daughters.

Pum Koo Park. One of the prominent young physicians and surgeons of Delaware County is Dr. Pum Koo Park, already highly regarded although he has been practicing his profession only since 1927. Dr. Park was born November 4, 1898, in Chun La Do, Korea, the son of Kyung Oh and Kong Duk Park. The Park family moved to the Hawaiian Islands when Pum Koo was six years old and there he received his fundamental schooling. Always a student and deep thinker, Dr. Park early decided to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered him in America and in 1918 he entered Swarthmore College. Many social and economic obstacles presented themselves while pursuing his college career, but his strength of character, and his burning ambition, coupled with his intellectual capacity, made it possible for him to achieve his A. B. degree in 1922. Still determined to gain his aim, he entered the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from the College of Medicine in 1926. Then came the time for Dr. Park to decide whether to serve his own people or to enter the medical profession in the United States and he finally chose the harder course and began his internship at Chester Hospital and the building of his practice in Chester. Dr. Park's unity of purpose has rewarded him to the extent of finding him, after four years of practice, a member of the surgical staff and teaching staff of the training school of the hospital where he entered a few years before as a student doctor. He also has the privilege of being a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners, which qualifies Dr. Park to practice in forty two states and all territorial possessions of the United States without examinations. The day after he received his doctor's degree Dr. Park married Kyungnah Yong, a native of Korea, and a graduate of Oberlin College in the class of

1926. Dr. and Mrs. Park are the parents of a son, Richard Young, born June 11, 1928. Dr. Park's devotion to his family and profession leaves little time for outside interests. He holds membership in the County, State and National Medical Associations, also the American, and has the honor to be the first Oriental to be elected to the William Pepper Medical Society of the University of Pennsylvania. Although with other members of Oriental races, he is not privileged to become a citizen of the United States, Dr. Park is proud to have served and be honorably discharged from the Volunteer Student's Army Training Corp in 1918, while attending Swarthmore. One who has had the pleasure to meet and converse with Dr. Park is impressed with the futility of trying to express in so few words the scope of his accomplishments, handicapped by racial tradition, and lack of social contacts in this country to build for himself the place he holds in the esteem and respect of members of his profession. Dr. Park is a member of the Medical Club of Philadelphia, and was the first Oriental to start to practice medicine in the eastern section of the United States.

R. P. Cloud, has been a funeral director at Marcus Hook, since 1895, and his finely appointed parlors at 938 Market Street are among the most efficiently conducted in Delaware County. Mr. Cloud was born in Bethel Township, this county, on April 25, 1873, a son of Nathan Cloud, a farmer, who was a descendant of a family revered in Pennsylvania since the settlement of the colony. The father retired from his agricultural pursuits and made his home with his son, and while on a trip to California, in 1915, he died. The mother of R. P. Cloud was Lydia Pierce, also a member of a distinguished Delaware County family. As a lad R. P. Cloud received his education in the public schools of this county, and when he was seventeen years old he became associated with J. M. Bimby, a Chester undertaker. He continued his connections there for four years and then established his own independent business in Marcus Hook which has grown to such proportions that at present two assistants are employed in fulfilling the demands upon the services of the firm. The long, successful career of Mr. Cloud in his chosen field of endeavor shows the influence of the sagacity and integrity of his character. His keen appreciation of the necessity of applying progressive methods and modern equipment is expressed in his desire to render the finest possible service to his fellow citizens when sympathy and kindness are most appreciated. The position of eminence which he has attained in the conduct of his business is apparent in the financial world as well, for he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Marcus Hook National Bank. His life is well-rounded in that he is active in local fraternal organizations where he enjoys the friendship and esteem of many people in the community. Mr. Cloud first married Miss Nettie E. Stewart, who departed this life in 1914. Three children were born to this marriage, Madeline and Irene who died during the influenza epidemic, and Nathan LeRoy Cloud. Miss Ida Brown of Chester became Mr. Cloud's second wife, and they reside at 938 Market Street, Marcus Hook.





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Edward LeRoy VanRoden. A prominent attorney and citizen of Delaware County, distinguished for his services in the World War and for his characteristics in social and professional circles, Mr. VanRoden was born June 12, 1892, a son of Edward and Almira (Jarden) VanRoden. After receiving his basic education, Mr. VanRoden entered the Law School at the University of Pennsylvania and was admitted to the bar, February 15, 1915, and to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the same year. During the World War, Mr. VanRoden was among the first to enlist. Serving in the artillery he earned the rank of Major and was later attached to the Judge Advocate General's Department. Returning to civilian life, he resumed his practice, and has since achieved outstanding success among his colleagues. In 1920, he was appointed to the office of Assistant District Attorney. Miss Flora Murray became the wife of Mr. VanRoden and they have become the parents of the following children: Anna Mary, born October 16, 1919, Richard Jarden, born May 21, 1923, James Carrow, born October 15, 1924, John Edward, born October 18, 1926 and William LeRoy, born October 29, 1928. Mrs. VanRoden was the daughter of Daniel A. and Susan (MacFectridge) Murray of Saratoga, Florida. Mr. VanRoden is assistant trust officer of the First National Bank of Darby and a director of the Stonehurst Building and Loan, Seven Boros Building and Loan, and the Philadelphia Building and Loan Associations. He is a member of the Miller Law Club of the University of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Fraternity. He adheres to the tenets of the Republican Party and is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. VanRoden maintains his law offices in Media and Darby and he resides in Marple Township, this county.

Robert Fussell. In every community it is the substantial, upright financiers who lay broad and deep the foundations of its material welfare and on them to weave the fabric of progressive prosperity. Delaware County is fortunate in numbering among her citizens many types of this valuable class of men, no member of which stands higher in the public confidence than Robert Fussell, president and director of the First National Bank of Media, one of the oldest and best banks in the county. The First National Bank of Media was organized February 29, 1864, was granted a federal charter March 12, 1864, and opened for business March 15th of the same year. The bank rapidly became one of the bulwarks of finance in Delaware County. Its capital stock is rated at \$200,000, surplus \$300,000 and deposits \$3,250,000. Full trust powers were granted November 1, 1925. Robert Fussell was born January 21, 1875, the son of Henry M. and Mary T. Fussell. His father was one of the most prominent members of the Bar in Delaware County. Robert Fussell is identified with many financial institutions other than the First National Bank of Media. He is president of the Second Media Loan and Savings Association, director in the Delaware-Montgomery Counties Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages, and the Media Credit Corporation. His interest in civic betterment is expressed by his association with

the Media Free Library as its president, treasurer of the School District of Media since 1911 and director of the Elwyn Training School at Elwyn, this county, and the Chamber of Commerce. During the war Mr. Fussell was chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, second, third, fourth and fifth loans. Among the several clubs of which he is a member are the Rolling Green Golf, the Brinton Lake Country, Media Swimming and Rowing, Concord Country, and Bankers Country Clubs. In religion he affiliates with the Society of Friends and he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. Happily gifted in manner, disposition and taste, enterprising and original in business ideas, personally liked by those who know him best, and as frank in declaring his principles as he is sincere in maintaining them, the career of Robert Fussell has thus far been marked with success.

Joseph Albert Hulme, has been an active witness of the many changes that have taken place in the business and social life of Delaware County since he first became associated with the extensive interests of the well known philanthropists of the Crozer family, and he is one of the progressive factors of a community that is ranked among the most advanced of those of its population in the State. Joseph Albert Hulme was born July 26, 1870, the son of James and Alice (Kay) Hulme. Attending the public schools of Upland, receiving instructions by private tutors and from Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, he thus laid the ground work for the career he was to follow. He entered the service of the Crozer family as a junior clerk in the Crozer Mills. At the end of seven years time he was elevated to the position of Superintendent which he held with recognized ability for twenty-eight years. Just before the death of John P. Crozer the mills were discontinued and at that time, Mr. Hulme was invited to accept the position of superintendent of the Chester Hospital. In his present occupation his genial personality has won for him many friends. Mr. Hulme married Ella Ancort, the daughter of Alfred and Sarah J. Ancort. Mr. Hulme is a member of the Republican Party, the Upland Athletic Association and Fire Company. Mrs. and Mr. Hulme are communicants of the Upland Baptist Church and they reside at 22 East Parkway.

J. H. Ward Hinkson. Mellowed by contact with the world, an extremely able attorney whose political and professional adversaries unite with his colleagues and his adherents in admiring his probity and industry, J. H. Ward Hinkson is one of Delaware County's most prominent and esteemed citizens. He is a leader in the bar of Delaware County. Mr. Hinkson was born in Ridley Park, October 17, 1895, the son of Joseph H. and Bessie (Ward) Hinkson. Joseph H. Hinkson, one of the most prominent men of his generation in Chester, was born in the city May 22, 1865, the eldest son of former Mayor John B. Hinkson. He was an attorney of manifold talents, and at the time of his death, which occurred February 14, 1926, was president of the Cambridge Trust Company, and also a director of the First National Bank of Chester, the Ridley Park National Bank, Consumers' Ice Company,

Allison Steel Products Company and many other corporations. Mrs. Hinkson still makes her home in Ridley Park. J. H. Ward Hinkson received his basic education at Penn Charter School, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1917. During the World War, he served in the United States Army, enlisting May 10, 1917, and returning with the rank of Captain, to be mustered out August 1, 1919, after thirteen months overseas service with the 311th Machine Gun Battalion. He resumed his studies, and after attending the Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania Law Schools graduated from the latter institution in 1922. After his admission to the bar Mr. Hinkson and his father formed a partnership with J. DeHaven Ledward, Esq., under the firm name of Hinkson, Ledward and Hinkson, with offices at 12 West 5th Street, Chester. Mr. Hinkson was honored for his intellectual attainments by election to the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities, and one of the younger members of the Union League of Philadelphia, as well as holding membership in the Penn Athletic Club of the Quaker City, Spring Haven and Rolling Green Country Clubs, Merion Cricket Club, and being president of the Chester Club. Mr. Hinkson pledges his allegiance to the Republican Party, and he makes his residence at Wallingford, Delaware County.

Dr. Russell Witman, of Swarthmore, graduated in medicine and qualified himself for the practice of that profession in 1915. He was born in Philadelphia May 10, 1886, the son of Louis E. and Mary Witman. Dr. Witman received his basic education in the public schools of Philadelphia and Temple Preparatory School. Subsequently, he entered the Medical College of Temple University, emerging from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1915. His interne work was taken at Montgomery Hospital, Norristown, after which he engaged in practice at Conshohocken. The war interrupted Dr. Witman's career and he received his commission of First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and was ordered to active duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on August 27, 1917. He was then transferred sometime later to the 78th Division at Camp Dix. Later he was attached to the 311th Ambulance Company, where he attained the rank of Captain and went overseas in command of his company. He served the greater portion of his enlistment with the American Expeditionary Forces, seeing active service in both French and British Fronts. At the time he was discharged from service he was director of Ambulance Companies of the 78th Division. After returning to civilian life, Dr. Witman entered the graduate school of medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and achieved the degree of Master of Science in surgery. In 1925 Dr. Witman moved to Swarthmore and in the elapsing years has established himself in his practice and is identified with the social and civic life of Swarthmore. Dr. Witman is a member of the Surgical Staff of Ridley Park Hospital, the Philadelphia Medical Club and the County, State and National Medical Societies. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the

Masonic Order and he adheres to the principles of the Republican Party. On May 27, 1922, Miss Mary F. Schraeder of Norristown became the wife of Dr. Witman. They reside at 318 Howard Avenue.

Honorable Albert Dutton MacDade. One of the foremost figures in Delaware County is the Honorable Albert Dutton MacDade, whose brilliant career as a lawyer has carried him to high rank in professional circles, and whose eminent public service is a record of great usefulness. He has now for thirty-seven years been in active practice in his native state, and his many affiliations with organized advancements link his name with the most worthy and admirable efforts of the day. Albert Dutton MacDade was born in the township of Lower Chichester, now the borough of Marcus Hook, September 23, 1871. The family, removing to Chester, when he was but two years of age, Mr. MacDade attended the public schools of Chester, and was graduated from the Chester High School in 1888. He also received instructions at the Old Chester Academy, preparing for college there. He entered the University of Pennsylvania, Law Department, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1894, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of Philadelphia County June 6, 1894, and was also admitted to the Delaware County Bar, and has since practised exclusively in the latter section. Following general lines of practice, Mr. MacDade has made an enviable record in trial work and has risen to the position of an authority on many points of law. Judge MacDade's public services have been more or less definitely in line with his profession, but within recent years his county honored him with election to the higher body of the State Legislature and in 1927 was elected additional law judge of Delaware County. He is a Republican in politics and has served as chairman of many Republican conventions in the county, to which he was a delegate, as well as to state conventions. He served as district attorney of Delaware County from 1906 to 1921 and was elected State Senator to succeed former Governor William C. Sproul, in 1920, and was re-elected to serve the ensuing term. During the World War he was chairman of the Legal Advisory Board of the city of Chester, and a prominent four-minute speaker. At one time Judge MacDade was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Chester Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, being identified with the various bodies of this order, including the thirty-second degree, the Keystone Masonic Club, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; also is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patriotic Sons of America, the Improved Order of Red Men, Sons of Civil War Veterans, and Honorary Member of the Society of Foreign War Veterans. Judge MacDade is a member of the Chester Fire Companies, organizing their Fireman's Relief Association; the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the Academy of Fine Arts. He further holds membership in the Delaware County Bar, Pennsylvania Bar, and the American Bar Associations; Penn Club of Chester; the Pennsylvania Society of New York, Pennsylvania Society of New Jersey; The Union League of Philadelphia; also the Crafts-

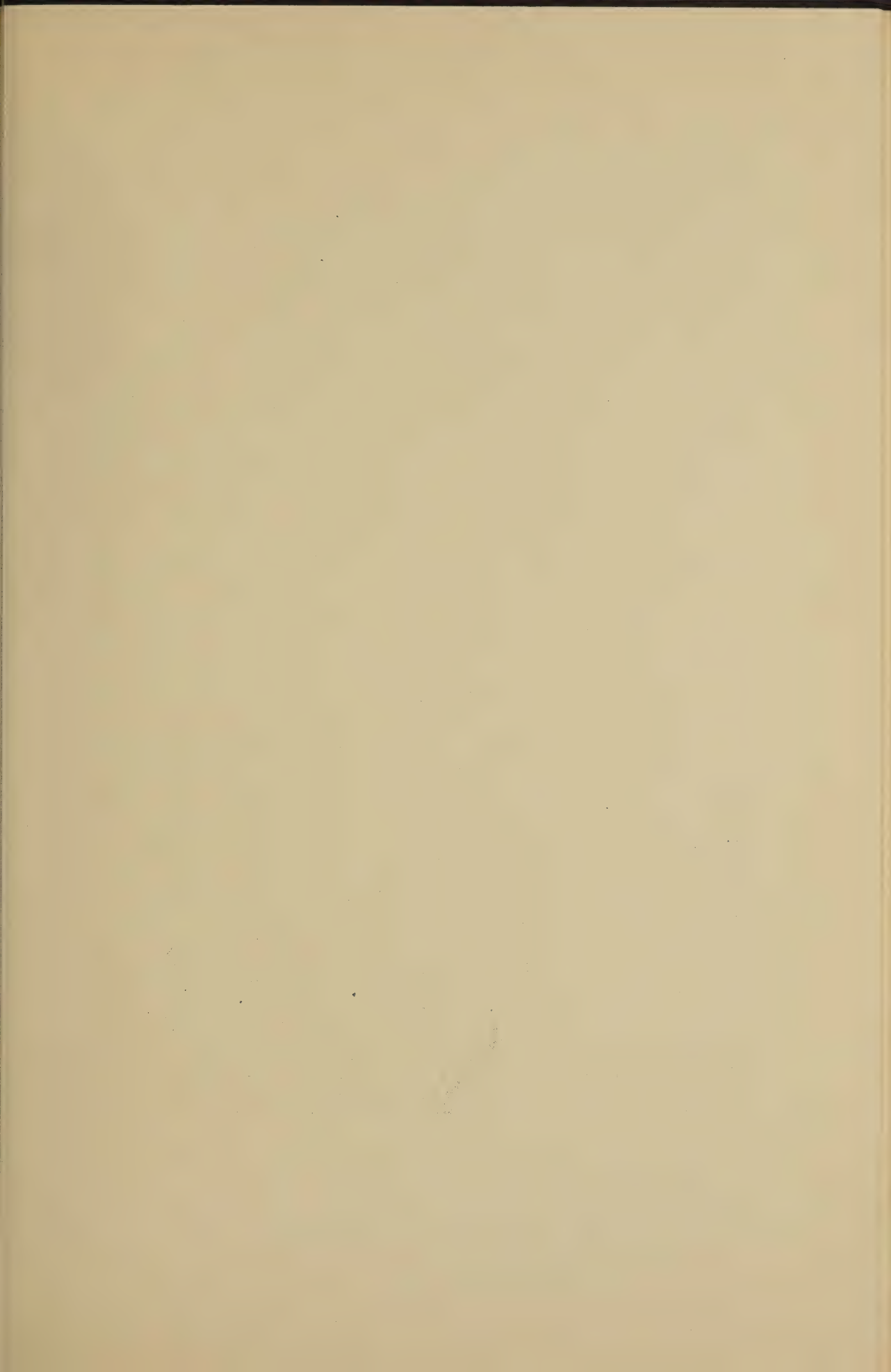
men's Club of Drexel Hill. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. Judge MacDade married Mabelle Troth, daughter of William J. and Lucy (Tilburn) Troth, of Philadelphia, and they were the parents of two children: Millicent Troth and Dutton Troth. Mr. MacDade's second wife was Jessie (Kimes) Marvel of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. MacDade is a descendant of early colonial families of English lineage of New Jersey, tracing his ancestry, through his maternal side, to General Warren of Bunker Hill fame. His father was Scotch-Irish and was employed during his lifetime as marine superintendent at the famous Roach Shipyard, where the nucleus to the first steel navy of the United States of America was constructed, those warships being the Dolphin, Chicago, Atlanta and Boston.

George Hill. A diversified business career has given George Hill a broad outlook on life and a keen insight into the affairs that have fitted him to ably manage the important position which he now holds. Mr. Hill was born November 23, 1878 in Dorchester County, Maryland, the son of Thomas E. and Olivia (Smith) Hill. Thomas E. Hill was a well known and highly respected farmer in Dorchester County. George Hill was given a thorough education, first attending the public schools of his locality, after which he entered the Academy at Federalsburg, Caroline County, Maryland. In 1889 he came to Philadelphia and was in the employ of the Hoover Lithographing Company of that city. At the end of two year's time, he took a position with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and later with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. From 1905 to 1908, he worked for the John Wanamaker Company and after that he became associated with the Browning King Company and the MacDonald and Campbell Company. In 1920 he was appointed appraiser of Inheritance Taxes in the Register of Wills office for the state of Pennsylvania, and in 1926 was promoted to the office of assistant to auditor general in the Inheritance Tax offices in Delaware County. He resigned from this position when he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of Register of Wills in Delaware County in 1928. Mr. Hill is a member of the various Masonic bodies, Blue Lodge, Robert A. Lamberton No. 487, Kodash Commandery, Lu Lu Shrine, Artisans, Order of Mutual Protection, B. P. O. E., Knights of the Golden Eagle, chairman and also past president of the Firemen's Association, past first vice-president of the State Firemen's Association, and president of the Garrettford-Drexel Hill Company, also a member of the Union League and Republican Club of Upper Darby. Miss Sue A. Slupe became the wife of Mr. Hill and their children are: Clarence S., a member of the Rees-Hill Company of Philadelphia; George E. Jr., who is with the Sun Oil Company; Samuel R., connected with the Fidelity Trust Company; Grace Dorothy, and Henry Arthur. Mr. Hill resides in Drexel Hill and is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Stewart P. Clarke. While working toward his prominent place in the ranks of the legal profession of Delaware County, Stewart P. Clarke followed a varied career. He was an employee of the Girard Trust Company, Phila-

delphia, a worker in the Goodrich Rubber Company, a school teacher and finally a lawyer. Mr. Clarke was born at Devon, Chester County, February 4, 1895, the son of J. Alexander and Anna Alexander Clarke, the former of whom was connected with the teaching profession in the school system of Philadelphia. Stewart P. Clarke completed the courses in the public schools of Easttown at Berwyn and then attended the Central Manual Training School at Philadelphia, after which he matriculated at Haverford College and graduated in the class of 1914. His first employment was with the Girard Trust Company, Philadelphia. He held that position for two years and then became employed by the Goodrich Rubber Company, remaining there for one year. When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Clarke was among the first to offer his services to his country, enlisting as a private in the Second City Troop and was transferred and served with the Artillery Section of the 28th Division. Upon his return from the army in France, he took a position as school teacher in Media. The following year, he entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1923. He was admitted to the Delaware County Bar, and immediately began the practice of law with offices in Media, where his diligence and ability have been recognized by his ever growing practice. Miss Ruth Ellen West became the wife of Mr. Clarke and they are the parents of one child, Stewart, P., Jr., Mr. Clarke is a member of the American Legion, Springhaven Golf Club, and a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Delaware County Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Thomas C. Berry. Personal ability and merit, combined with his careful training, and his unwearied industry in the behalf of his office, have opened a remarkable field of activity for Thomas C. Berry. In his appointment as alderman of the Third Ward in the city of Chester, he has followed a high standard of ethics and has kept to the regime that has won for him the confidence and good will of fellow citizens. He is the son of Thomas H. and Mary K. (Byre) Berry, both natives of Delaware County, the mother who is still living at the age of 86 years. Thomas C. Berry was born July 5, 1884 in Chester and attended the public schools of Chester. Mr. Berry is a kindly sympathetic man who weighs carefully the problems that come before him when dispensing justice. His knowledge of humanity places him in a position of confidence among persons of every walk of life with whom he comes in contact. The outside interests of Mr. Berry are many and varied. He has been president of the Hanley Hose Company for twenty years, a member of the Keystone Masonic, Fourth Estate Square Clubs. He also enjoys the recreational facilities offered by the Springhaven Country Club and the Alpha Boat Club. As an adherent to the tenets of Lincoln's party, he is a member of the Republican Club of Chester. Mr. Berry married Bessie Lamont, of Chester, who was born in Delaware County. They reside at 127 East Third Street, Chester.





W. R. S. Thayer Media

Honorable W. Roger Fronefield, President Judge of the Thirty-second Judicial District of Pennsylvania comprising the County of Delaware, was born near Phoenixville, Chester County, on November 22, 1864, the son of Joseph and Eliza A. (Rogers) Fronefield. His career is marked by thorough preparation for the important place in the affairs of men which he has attained. His appreciation of the problems of humanity come from his varied experiences as a country school teacher, a struggling young lawyer, his prominent connections in banking circles and the seat of honor which he now holds. His elementary education was acquired at the public schools of Phoenixville, Chester county, and his preparatory schooling at the J. Hunter Worrall Academy, West Chester. After graduating from the West Chester State Normal School, he taught rural school for two years. Long cherishing the idea of studying law, he matriculated at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania from which he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While at the University, he stroked the Varsity Crew against Yale at New London. He was admitted to the bar of Delaware County in 1887, and thereafter was admitted to practice at the Bars of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania and the United States District Courts. For thirty eight years, Judge Fronefield was engaged in active practice at the Delaware County Bar, with offices located in Media, during which time he developed a most extensive practice. For many years before his appointment to judicial office, he was ordinarily on one side or the other of most important pieces of litigation in the county. His practice was as diversified as it was extensive. Possibly no other member of the bar represented so many municipalities and school districts. On August 24, 1925, following the resignation of the late Judge William B. Broomall, Judge Fronefield was tendered the appointment as that jurist's successor by Governor Pinchot and on September 4, 1925, was inducted into office. Upon the death of Judge Johnson in June 1926, Judge Fronefield became President Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas of the county, with Judge John M. Broomall III, as associate. He is prompt in the discharge of his judicial duties, preventing useless delays in court trials. His reputation extends far beyond the borders of his district. To quote the tribute paid him by Justice William I. Schaffer, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, "he is the leader of the Delaware County Bar and one of the leaders of the Bar of the State." Judge Fronefield married Philena Marshall Lewis, who died June 18, 1922. His two daughters are Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Porter and Mrs. Louise Fronefield Porter. He is an attendant of the Episcopal Church and a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Delaware County Bar Associations, the George W. Bartram Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, past master of the Blue Lodge and past high priest of the Masonic Chapter. In politics he is a Democrat.

Reverend Augustine L. Ganster. In all the world of labor and service there is probably nothing that reaches further into the heart of man than religion. It is the breath of his soul, the life of his earthly existence,

and without it he would not have the will to live and be a man. To use the word once more in its broadest and purest sense, religion is to the soul of man, what sunshine is to the earth. What labor, therefore in all the world could be more gratifying both to the servant and the served, than that which guides the feet of many along the endless pathway that is light and life? Thus the Rev. Augustine L. Ganster is a man who is to be envied for he is a servant of man and therefore a servant of God. Augustine L. Ganster was born July 24, 1878 in Reading and received the foundation of his education in the parochial schools of that city. He later attended Cansius College of Buffalo and next, pursuing a course of intensive study at the Catholic University of Innsbruck in the Tyrol, Austria, was ordained July 26, 1904. For the ensuing two years Father Ganster served as curate at St. Paul's Church, Reading and then in 1906, he served St. Ludwig's Church, Philadelphia, remaining there until 1910. In that same year he was transferred to the Church of the Immaculate Heart at Chester, and the following year was appointed Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, his present charge. The increase in the Catholic population which resulted in the division of St. Michael's Parish, made itself felt at a later date in the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in the early part of 1911 the Parish of the Resurrection was established, with Father Ganster as first Pastor. The boundaries of the new Parish extended from Wilson Street, Chester, to the Delaware State Line, taking in part of the city of Chester, as well as all of the neighboring towns of Trainer, Linwood Heights and Marcus Hook. Father Ganster purchased the Bent property at Ninth and Highland Avenue for the parochial buildings of the new Parish of the Resurrection. The little frame structure on Third Street known as the German Catholic Church, was removed to the property at Ninth and Highland Avenue, and connected with the parlor of the old Bent home to serve temporarily for church purposes, and Mass was said there for the first time on Sunday, April 2, 1911, by Father Ganster. At once he took up the work of erecting a permanent building, and on November 26, 1911, Mass was celebrated for the first time in the lower story of the combined Church and school, which was first of the parochial buildings to be erected. The growth of the Parish was so rapid that in 1914, a mission was established in Marcus Hook to care for the communicants in that locality and in 1915 a permanent parish was organized there. In May 1917, work on the upper stories of the school was started, and in 1918 was opened. Father Ganster has untireless energy and in the twenty-seven years in the service of his Church has never once thought to spare himself, physically or mentally, when the welfare of others was at stake.

Dr. George L. Armitage, Past President of the Delaware County Medical Society is a leading young physician of Pennsylvania. He was born in Chester on November 2, 1892, a son of George L. Armitage, retired roofing contractor, and Mary (Marshall) Armitage. Dr. George L. Armitage was educated in the Chester Public Schools, and completed his professional training at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in

1914. He served his internship in the Chester Hospital and began his professional career in Chester in 1915, where he now has offices at 400 East Thirteenth Street. Since then he has had phenomenal success, for he is attending surgeon in the hospital where he served as an interne less than seventeen years ago, and has become identified among the leaders of his profession in the state. A member of the county, state and national medical societies, he is the past president of the Delaware County Medical Society. Nationally, his name is included among the Fellows of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Armitage has always been active in fraternal affairs. He is past president of the local Exchange Club and is a member of the Chester Lodge No. 232 of Masons. He married Miss Edna McCutcheon of Pittsburgh, and to this union were born three children: Nancy, George and John Richard. The Armitages reside at 410 Chester Road, Swarthmore.

Harold B. Ramsey, is listed among the younger successful men in the professional field in Delaware County. He was born August 23, 1901, in Chester, a son of William T. and Evelyn (Beacham) Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey received his education in the public schools of Chester, graduating from the high school with the class of 1920. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924 and completed his education in law in 1928 at the University of Pennsylvania. After being admitted March 28, 1929 to the Delaware County Bar, he began the practice of his profession in Chester with offices located in the Crozer Building. Mr. Ramsey is a member of the Masons, having attained the 32nd degree, Chapter Commandery, Philadelphia Consistory, Lulu Shrine, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Eagles, Moose, Delaware County Sportsman Club and the Exchange Club of Chester, also the O. of I. A. In politics he is identified with the Republican Party. He makes his home at 1601 Edgmont Avenue, Chester.

Harry Rudolph Coulomb Robinson, established a real estate and general insurance agency in Chester in 1921 and has since become a leading figure in that field in the city of Chester. Born March 3, 1878, in Chester, he is the son of Daniel and Nellie F. (Burns) Robinson, the former a brick manufacturer and politician, having served for many years as a member of the common council and the school board. Harry R. C. Robinson received his education in the public schools of his native city and graduated from Pierce School of Business Administration in Philadelphia with the Class of 1899. He then entered the Chester National Bank as a clerk and remained there until 1908, when he accepted a position as bookkeeper and assistant teller at the First National Bank. In 1917, he was made secretary and treasurer of the Industrial Loan Corporation, but severed his connection with that organization to establish his present business in 1921. Mr. Robinson was one of the organizers of the Merchants Trust Company, now merged with the Delaware County National Bank. He served as secretary during its organization, and was also one of the organizers of the Chester Industrial

Loan Corporation, holding the office of secretary and treasurer from 1917 to 1921. Since 1907, he has been a director of the Chester Rural Cemetery Association. Mr. Robinson's fraternal affiliations are with the Sons of the American Revolution, Free & Accepted Masons, Red Men, Orioles, Haymakers, Chester Branch of the Dickens Fellowship, the Chester Real Estate Board, of which he is secretary, Chester High School Alumni Association and the Pierce School Alumni Association. On September 8, 1910, Miss Grace Brookes, daughter of Thomas and Alice (Jones) Brookes, of Fawn Grove, York County, became the wife of Mr. Robinson. Their children are: Daniel Brookes, born March 12, 1912; Thomas Burns, born July 9, 1914; and John Shepherdson, born March 5, 1919. The Robinson family are communicants of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Richard Smallow, deceased, was for many years identified with the industrial life of Delaware County. He was born in Yorkshire, England, on December 26, 1846, a son of Henry and Caroline Smallow. Richard Smallow obtained his education in England. Because of his father's death, he was forced to leave school and he found employment in the coal mines of England, later migrating to America, where he became employed at the Roach's Shipyard. Following this, he went to the Crozer Mills, remaining there for eighteen years. At this time he became employed by the Sea Board Steel Casting Company, where he remained until his death on September 17, 1911. Mr. Smallow was a kindly man, a sympathetic friend and neighbor, and his passing saddened the community in which he lived and worked. In addition to his church membership with the Upland Baptist, he belonged to the Knights of Pythias, Sons of St. George and Red Men. He married Mary Alsop, daughter of William and Hannah Alsop on February 6, 1869, in England. To this union were born the following children: George, William, Richard, Liza, Henry, Charlotte, Blanche, all of whom are deceased; Sarah (Mrs. James Cohen); Martha (Mrs. Albert Ripley) and Arthur.

Herbert Wood Hussey, deceased, was for many years identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was born in Akamack County, Virginia, August 27, 1879, a son of William D. and Harriett Taidell Hussey. William D. Hussey was born in Maine in 1846, and as a lad, he ran away from home to join the Federal Army during the trying Civil War days. Following the war, he engaged himself as a miller in Virginia, where he gained a marked degree of respect and eminence in his community. Herbert Wood Hussey received his basic education in the community in which he lived as a lad, after which he became employed as a fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad on the Norfolk Division. After two years he was promoted to freight engineer, and later to passenger engineer. He succumbed, a victim of the influenza epidemic, on September 30, 1918, an esteemed citizen, whose passing saddened his family and a large circle of friends. He was an outstanding member of several fraternal orders, including the Junior Order

of United American Mechanics, Knights of Pythias and Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. His church affiliation was Methodist. Mr. Hussey married Flora Blanch Renninger on December 20, 1906, in Del-Mar, Maryland. She is the daughter of Charles L. and Theodosia (Mill) Renninger, the former of whom was a native of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and a passenger conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hussey became the parents of four children: Theodosia, a trained nurse; Charles William; Herbert Mell; and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Hussey makes her home at 2126 Madison Avenue, Chester.

V. Gilpin Robinson. Many fields of activity in southeastern Pennsylvania count V. Gilpin Robinson as one of their leading men. In a career, all the more interesting, for the fact that he has won his way to prominence largely by his own native ability, and rose steadily to all his achievements, Mr. Robinson has become a foremost attorney, financier and citizen of Delaware County and has set his name indelibly on the history of his community. He is, in addition to his eminence as an attorney, one of the organizers and past president of the Media Title and Trust Company, also past president of the 69th Street Terminal Title and Trust Company, resigning from the latter office in 1927, and former district attorney of Delaware County and member of the State Legislature in 1911. V. Gilpin Robinson was born August 21, 1851, the son of Jacob F. and Rebecca E. (Little) Robinson. His father was a native of Wilmington, Delaware, a watchmaker and jeweler by occupation, who at various times resided at Greenfield, Indiana; Paris, Kentucky, and Philadelphia, and later moving to Chester. His grandfather, Joseph Robinson, was a man of prominence in Wilmington, Delaware, as a merchant and owner of a line of packets running between Wilmington and Philadelphia. His mother was a native of York, York County. Gilpin Robinson received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia and Chester, after which he had the advantage of private tutoring under Professor Bechtel, an educator of Media. Since then he has studied special courses at the University of Pennsylvania. He secured his education in law under the supervision of Mr. Edward A. Price, an eminent attorney of Delaware County. After his admission to the bar, Mr. Robinson became associated with Mr. Horace P. Green of Media, one of the leading members of the bar in his generation. He later removed his offices to Philadelphia and formed the partnership of Robinson, Marsh and Kaufman. He is still active in legal circles and today is one of the oldest active members of the Philadelphia and Delaware County Bars. Mr. Robinson married, first Sally M. Baker, deceased, daughter of J. Mitchell Baker. Her brother will be remembered as a State Senator, member of the legislature, District Attorney, and prominent lawyer and officer in the United States Army; second, Ann May Whartenby, deceased, a daughter of Dr. John Whartenby, of Philadelphia, an eminent member of the medical profession; third, Mary A. Kent, deceased, daughter of Thomas Kent, founder of the Kent Woolen Mills of Clifton Heights; and fourth, Margaretta

Holmes, daughter of Edward C. Holmes and Sophia (Muston) Holmes of Philadelphia. Mr. Robinson is a member of the Masonic fraternities, Union League of Philadelphia, Craftsman's Club, associate member of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board and the Delaware County Real Estate Board and the Philadelphia Bourse. His societies are the Delaware County Historical, Geographical, Pennsylvania Historical, Delaware County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations, and is a vice-president of the Boy Scouts of Delaware and Montgomery Counties. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson attend the Episcopal Church of Media, where Mr. Robinson formerly lived and now maintains his law offices.

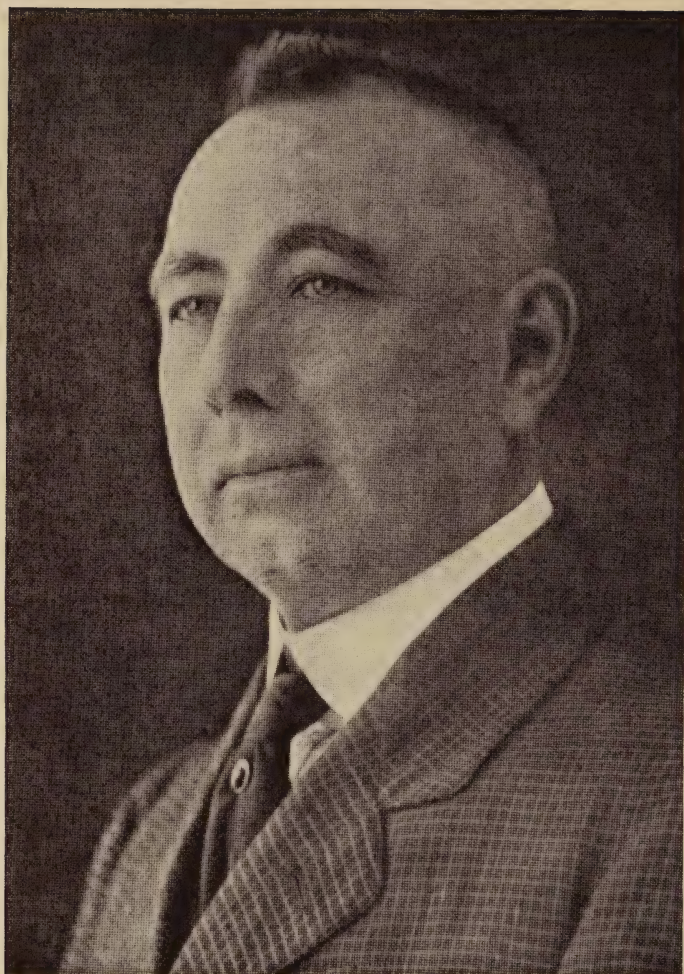
St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Rev. John Zazzara, Pastor. Despite the large number of Italians in Chester in recent years, St. Anthony's Church made little progress among them until the appointment of Rev. Antonia Garritano in December, 1912. With the generous co-operation of peoples of all nationalities and every creed, Father Garritano went ahead with the work of organizing a Parish and building a church, and on June 14, 1914, the building was dedicated by Archbishop Prendergast under the patronage of St. Anthony. The Archbishop was assisted by Rev. John Connolly, who acted as Deacon; Rev. P. A. Brennan, who acted as Sub-Deacon, and Rev. D. A. Corbett, who acted a Master of Ceremonies. Following the dedication, Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. John A. Lyons, V.G. of Wilmington, Delaware, assisted by Rev. Elmer Stapleton as Deacon and Rev. Thomas Nolan as Sub-Deacon. Rev. Joseph L. J. Kirlin preached in English and Father Garritano in Italian at the dedication. An expression of appreciation is due Rev. John S. Zazzara for continuing the activities began by Rev. Garritano. Father Zazzara was born March 17, 1890 in Manoppello, Italy, the son of Joseph and Beatrice Zazzara. As a lad, he attended the public schools of Manoppello, and received his higher education in the high school and the College of Rome. In 1913, he determined to fulfill his cherished ambition, that of becoming a priest, and he came to America to enter the St. Charles Seminary, at Overbrook, being ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1917. Father Zazzara has served as assistant pastor at the Church of the Holy Savior, Norristown, Our Lady of the Eternal, Philadelphia, and the Mother Dolorosa Church, Frankford. He has served as Acting Pastor at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Reading, and as pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Allentown. In May, 1926, Father Zazzara was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Chester, succeeding Father Garritano. From the meager beginnings in 1912, the Parish has grown to such proportions that in less than twenty year's time it now boasts of more than six hundred families, and the school in connection with the Church administers to the educational and spiritual requirements of four hundred children. In June, 1931, on occasion of the centennial celebration of St. Anthony, St. Anthony's Church underwent extensive repairs and remodelling. Father Zazzara's genial smile and understanding disposition has endeared him to people to whom he ministers.

William Booth Harvey, is an outstanding member of the Delaware County Bar. A native of Chester, he was born here on July 24, 1869, a son of Ellwood Harvey, Jr., and Ellen H. (Booth) Harvey. His father was born at Washington's Headquarters, Chadd's Ford, Chester County, but lived in Delaware County most of his life. He was at one time a leading coal and feed merchant in Chester City and was a representative for many years and at the time of his death of the Provident Life Insurance Company. In his later years he also followed agricultural pursuits. William B. Harvey attended the public schools and high school at Chester and then became a student at Friend's Central School in Philadelphia. After deciding upon the legal profession as his choice of careers he began the study of law under George M. Booth. Later he entered the offices of George B. Lindsay, with whom he was associated until the latter's death, when Mr. Harvey took over the practice and developed it to such an extent that at present two lawyers assist him in his offices in the Penn Club Building. The large clientele that he has developed in this county is evidence of the high regard with which he is recognized in legal circles. Mr. Harvey is solicitor for the Delaware County Trust Company, Chester Enameling Company, Iron Workers, Building Association, Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company, Chester Merchants and Mechanics Building Association, Excelsior Savings Funds and for the Chester Water Service Corporation. In addition he serves as secretary and treasurer of the Chester Street Railway Company, the Chester and Media Railway Company and is president of the Lindsay Law Library. He was a director of the Chester National Bank; he is a director of the Delaware County Trust Company and the Chester Enameling Company; president of the Chester Rural Cemetery Association. Mr. Harvey married Miss Marie Stewart Lewis of Brooklyn, New York, and their children are William Minton, Ellwood, and Henry Lewis. Mr. Harvey has no church connection but is Friendly inclined and is politically affiliated with the Republican party. A member of the Free & Accepted Masons, Mr. Harvey is identified with the Chapter, Royal Arch and Commandery, and is a trustee of Lodge No. 352. Socially, he is prominent in the Lulu Shrine, the Penn, Chester and Keystone Clubs in Chester, the Delaware County Historical Society and holds membership in the Art Club of Philadelphia. Many professional contacts through membership in the American Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association have brought him recognition among lawyers of the State. The Harvey family reside at 2217 Providence Avenue, Chester.

C. Edwin Hunter. A real estate broker and expert of high attainments and wide experience is C. Edwin Hunter of Lansdowne, Delaware County. Mr. Hunter was born July 11, 1880, in Philadelphia, a son of Henry C. and Emma Elizabeth Hunter. He moved to Delaware County in 1899, and has been a resident of Lansdowne since 1904. His education was acquired in the public schools of Philadelphia and at the age of sixteen he entered a real estate office as office boy. In 1903 Mr. Hunter entered into business for himself and in the intervening years he has come to be recognized as an expert

in real estate appraising. He acts as real estate expert in appraisal of properties for many large Trust Companies in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the City of Philadelphia; he is a qualified expert in Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Chester and Berks Counties. He was one of the real estate experts retained by the United States government in the appraisal of Hog Island, in connection with the sale to the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Hunter has always taken active interest in politics and is the chairman of the Delaware County Republican Executive Committee; president of the Lansdowne Borough Council; President, Delaware County Board of Prison Inspectors; chairman of the visitation appointed by the Delaware County Court. He is vice-president of the National Bank of Lansdowne; vice-president of the Wycombe Building & Loan Association of Lansdowne; a director of the Delaware Building & Loan Association of Lansdowne; a member of the Advisory Board of the Philadelphia Builders' Association and Real Estate Board, who during the World War offered their services to the government and were instrumental in securing for Philadelphia the housing of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the Fortieth Ward of the city. Mr. Hunter is a member of the following fraternal organizations and clubs: Free & Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 711; Delaware County Historical Society; Pennsylvania State Historical Society; Academy of Natural Science; University Museum; Pennsylvania Museum of Art; Pine Valley Golf Club; Rolling Green Golf Club; Penn Athletic Club; and the Philadelphia Real Estate Board and Building Owners and Managers Association. Mr. Hunter married Florence Middletown Sill and their children are: Mrs. Gladys Hunter Young, Marion Adams Hunter and C. Edwin Hunter, Jr. The Hunter family are communicants of St. Johns Protestant Episcopal Church of Lansdowne and they make their home at 26 West Stewart Avenue, Lansdowne and his business offices are located at 603-04 Atlantic Building, Philadelphia.

Honorable John J. McClure. For nearly a century the name of McClure has been prominently associated with political and business leadership in southeastern Pennsylvania. The first representative of this family came to the United States from Ireland early in the nineteenth century and immediately set about the building of the gigantic business enterprises and the tremendous political power that have since characterized them. John J. McClure is a worthy scion of this distinguished family from whose energies the citizens of Delaware County have received untold profits in intangible, as well as material wealth. John McClure was born in Chester on September 24, 1886, a son of William J. McClure, who died in 1907, and Sabina (McClay) McClure. The former rose from the position of clerk in a grocery store to the leadership of the powerful Republican party in Delaware County and to the directorship in banks, trust companies and various business houses. This remarkable record of achievement is the foundation upon which the success of John J. McClure is constructed. The formal preparation for



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the position destined to be his was acquired in the public schools of Chester, the Swarthmore Preparatory School and Swarthmore College. The reputation that he has created as a builder became evident in the years that immediately succeeded his graduation from college. As such Mr. McClure has become known in other spheres of endeavor, such as the Pennsylvania Paving Company, manufacturers and layers of street paving; McClure & Company, Inc., insurance agents; Allison Steel Products Company of Chester. His sagacity and integrity have placed him in the confidences of his business associates so that he was elected to directorships in the First National Bank and the Cambridge Trust Company in Chester. The great scope of these affairs impresses one with the unusual qualities which are united in the character of this man. Forcefulness, unity of purpose, intellect and a recognition of the limitations and potentialities of the members of modern society, make John J. McClure a peer among men. These are the traits that mark him as a leader and builder, whom the people of Delaware County chose as their representative in the Senate of Pennsylvania. In an able and statesmanlike manner he discharges the duties of that office and enjoys the high regard of his constituency. As a member of the Republican party, to whose principles his father adhered, he has attained the front rank among its leaders in Pennsylvania. The Penn Athletic Club, the Chester Club, Alpha Boat Club, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the 32nd degree, the Shrine and the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity are a few of the organizations to which he devotes leisure time. Golf is his chosen sport and hobby. Mr. McClure married Miss Gertrude Walker Holmes of New York City and four children were born to them. They are John, William J., Marjorie Holmes, and Holmes McClure. The family is identified with the Presbyterian Church and maintain their residence at Twentieth Street and Providence Road, Chester.

William B. Palmer. One of the foremost figures in Delaware County is William B. Palmer, whose success in Clifton Heights as a realtor, is second to none, and whose eminent public service is a record of great usefulness. Mr. Palmer has won his way to his present prominence largely by his own native ability and his tireless effort in every phase of progressive endeavor with which he has been identified. He was born in Clifton, June 17, 1862, and is the son of Thomas W. and Rebecca (Force) Palmer, both natives of this county, where he attended the public schools of his home. Mr. Palmer is a firm adherent to the principles of the Republican Party and he has the distinction of serving his community as postmaster under three presidential administrations, President McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and about two years during President Wilson's Administration, from 1900 to 1914. He also served as Chief Deputy Sheriff for Delaware County for four years under Sheriff Granger. He is a director of the Cherry Grove Realty Company, Clifton Heights Business Men's Association, and the Clifton Heights Building and Loan Association. Mr. Palmer is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Knights Templar, Lu Lu Shrine, Independent Order of Americans and

Improved Order of Red Men. Miss Clara L. Ludwig, daughter of Daniel and Mary Ludwig of Chester County, became the wife of Mr. Palmer and they reside at Baltimore and Springfield Avenues, Clifton Heights.

George E. Adams, was born in Delaware County, March 16, 1850, and died at his home in Media October 29, 1904. He was a son of George B. and Sarah (Burdsall) Adams. After receiving his education under private tutorage, George E. Adams engaged himself as a merchant in Chelsea, this county, for a few years. He sold his business and entered into the manufacturing of cigars with his uncle, Jehu Burdsall, under the firm name of Burdsall and Adams, located on State Street in Media where they developed a successful wholesale and retail business. In 1873 Mr. Adams married Sidney E. McCracken, a native of Delaware County. She was one of five children born to Mr. and Mrs. William McCracken, the others being Leatitia, who married Samuel Field; Mary, who married John Bodley; Hannah, who married Joseph M. Rogers and James McCracken. Mrs. Adams is the last one living of the McCracken family. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born two sons, George B., who resides with his mother, and Dr. Harry B. Adams, a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, now practicing at 1930 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. He married Jean Wallace, and they are the parents of two children, Harry B. Jr., and Jane. They make their home at Haverford. Mrs. Adams still resides in the residence built by Mr. Adams in 1889, located at 18 East Second Street, Media.

Edward Hudson Rigby, banker and prominent citizen, was born in Chester County April 8, 1872 and died October 7, 1921. He was a son of James Platt and Elizabeth (Scanlon) Rigby, the former of whom was a milling merchant for many years. Edward H. Rigby attended the public schools of Rockdale and the Media High School, graduating at Cricken College, Philadelphia, at the head of his class. Upon completing his education he entered the milling business with his father, later teaching school for a short while. Subsequent to this, he became associated with the Land Title and Trust Company as a teller, serving that organization for twenty-one years. Following this he removed to Morristown, New Jersey, where he and his associates organized the Morristown Trust Company and he became the secretary and treasurer, remaining there until ill health forced him to retire from active affairs. Upon his retirement he returned to Media where he succumbed to death in 1921. Mr. Rigby was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was fraternally identified with the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order. In politics he was a Republican. Miss Elsie Snyder, daughter of George C. and Sarah (Chalfont) Snyder, became the wife of Mr. Rigby in 1901. They were the parents of three sons, Edward Hudson Jr., who married Reba Dunn, and they have one son, Edward III; George Snyder, and James Platt. Mrs. Rigby maintains her residence in Media.

William H. Armour, ranks high among the leading and successful business men of Chester. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware, January 10, 1875, a son of William Slater and Josephine (Streets) Armour. Both parents died when Mr. Armour was but a lad, and in 1882 he came to Chester with S. L. Armour. After attending the public schools of Chester, he entered the upholstering and feather renovating business which S. L. Armour had established. In 1911 Mr. Armour bought the entire business located at 411 Concord Avenue and in the intervening years has built an extensive and lucrative trade. Matilda J. Corbett became the wife of Mr. Armour and their children are Florence C., and Earl S. Mr. and Mrs. Armour are members of the First Baptist Church and they reside at 916 Fulton Street, Chester.

Rev. Joseph F. McDowell, of the Parish of St. Francis De Sales, Lenni. This parish was first organized as a mission of St. Thomas, Ivy Mills, and for some time was attended from there. Rev. William F. Cook, for many years pastor at Ivy Mills, started the erection of a church in 1892, but before its completion the panic of 1893 caused the work to be suspended for some time. In 1894, when conditions were more normal, Rev. E. J. O'Reilly was appointed first Rector of the new parish, and under his direction the work of the church was resumed. On May 26, 1895, it was dedicated by Archbishop Ryan, who also administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of the Parish. The Archbishop presided at the Solemn High Mass, attended by Rev. C. F. Patterson and Rev. Hugh T. Henry, Litt. D., as Deacons of Honor. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. James J. Smith, with the Revs. Thomas C. McCarthy and John J. Rooney assisting as Deacon and Subdeacon respectively. Rev. Dr. Henry preached a notable sermon on the parable of the house that was built upon a rock. Rev. Joseph F. McDowell is the present Rector of St. Frances' Church. He was born in 1888 at Philadelphia, the son of Thomas and Ella McDowell. His education consisted of attendance at the Parochial School of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, St. Joseph's College and St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook. He was ordained to the Priesthood December 14, 1912, and since that time has served at Mahanoy City, South Bethlehem and St. Gregory and St. Ann's Church in Philadelphia, and was appointed as Resident Pastor of St. Frances' Church in 1925.

S. Blair Luckie, D.D.S., is one of the deans of the dental profession in Chester, where he has been engaged in active practice since 1875. He was born August 22, 1849, a son of James Boyd and Rebecca (Turner) Luckie. Dr. Luckie received his elementary education in the public schools of Parkersburg and Penningtonville and obtained his professional education at the Philadelphia Dental College, which is now the Dental Department of Temple University in Philadelphia. He located in Coatesville in 1874, but remained there only a short time, coming to Chester the following year, where he has practiced his profession with honor and distinction for fifty-seven years. Dr.

Luckie is past president of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society; the Academy of Stumatology of Philadelphia; Chester and Delaware County Dental Societies; the Alumni Society of the Dental Department of Temple University; and the Dental Clinic of Philadelphia. He is a member of the General Alumni Society of Temple University; American Dental Association; Associate member of the First District Dental Society of New York; Philadelphia County Medical Society and Honorary member of the Delaware County Medical Society. He is president of the Blair Society of Genealogical Research and a member of the Dental Council and Examining Board of Pennsylvania, appointed by Governor Pinchot in 1923 and reappointed by Governor Fisher in 1929. He is a member of the Springhaven Country Club and his college fraternity is the Delta Sigma Delta. Mary Olive Barton became the wife of Dr. Luckie and the children are: R. Ross Luckie, deceased; S. Blair Luckie, Jr., J. Barton Luckie, Edward B. Luckie and Leslie G. Luckie. Dr. and Mrs. Luckie attend the First Presbyterian Church of Chester and they reside at 333 East Broad Street.

Hollan G. Malin, traffic manager for the Delaware County Manufacturers Association, was born in West Chester, Pa., June 12, 1880, and is a son of Hollan G. and Mary E. Malin. He was educated in the public schools of West Chester and the Glen Mills School, after which he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1896 and learned the art of telegraphy. His many years of association with railroads carried him to all corners of the United States where he occupied such positions of responsibility as station agent, operator, engine inspector, extra agent, yard master and weigh master. He also experienced the thrill of mining in the Arizona and New Mexico deserts. Mr. Malin came to Chester in 1920 to enter into a position of traffic manager for the Manufacturer's Association; he is now secretary of that Association. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery and he is also a member of the Commercial Traffic Managers of Philadelphia. Miss Sarah A. Grim, of Galesburg, Illinois, became the wife of Mr. Malin. They attend the Parkside Methodist Episcopal Church, where Mr. Malin serves as treasurer and president of the board. Mr. and Mrs. Malin reside at 139 East Avon Road, Chester.

Rev. Bruno Guasco. Among the many men who play a vital part in the welfare of the citizens of Marcus Hook is Rev. Bruno Guasco, Pastor of the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes Church. He was born in Alessandria, Italy, on November 21, 1881, the son of Carlo and Francesca (Robotti) Guasco. Having received his basic education in the schools of Alessandria, he entered the Seminary of Asti and was ordained on May 24, 1904. After entering the priesthood, Father Guasco served in the Diocese of Asti and later in Paris until he was ordered to Philadelphia by the church authorities in Rome. After coming to America he was immediately appointed Pastor of the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes at Marcus Hook. After the completion of

St. Anthony's Church in Chester, Father Garritano, the Pastor in charge, proceeded with the erection of a chapel for the Italians of Marcus Hook. The ground for this purpose was donated by Mr. J. Howard Pew, and the cornerstone of the church of the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes was laid on June 17, 1917 by Bishop McCort. On this occasion, Rev. Elmer Stapleton preached in English and Rev. Philomeno Bernardo, Father Garritano's assistant, in Italian. The Chapel was dedicated by Bishop McCort in December 1917. Although Father Guasco has only been Pastor since July, 1929, he can boast of many staunch friends among the citizens of Marcus Hook.

William T. Fowden, prominent business man of Chester, was born in Nether Providence, Delaware County, February 6, 1866, a son of Samuel S. and Mary Ann Fowden. Upon completing his schooling in the Aston Mills public schools in Aston Township, Mr. Fowden became store clerk, then a weaver in the Aston Mills and Parkmount Mills. In 1885 he located in Chester and entered into an apprenticeship in the plumbing and heating trade, under bond with the firm of Gartside and Turner. After working thirteen years with the firm, as a journeyman, in 1898 he formed a partnership with William Shaw, which was known as Shaw & Fowden. This partnership was dissolved in 1906, since which time Mr. Fowden has built up a very lucrative business at Third Street and Concord Avenue, this city, and is regarded as one of the successful men of the community. His fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Chester Lodge No. 263; Chester Encampment No. 99; Past Grands Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania; Lady Evalina Porter Rebekah Lodge No. 11; Lucius H. Scott Lodge No. 352, F. & A. M., Philadelphia Consistory and the Chester Club. In 1925-26 he served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A Republican in politics, Mr. Fowden was elected several times to the City Common Council, representing the Sixth Ward. He has also been chosen as an independent candidate for Mayor of Chester upon two different occasions. Rachel Mary Brobson, of Rockdale became the wife of Mr. Fowden and their children are: Elsie May, deceased; Charles, Harry and Olive Fowden Lindley. Mr. and Mrs. Fowden are communicants of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and take an active part in its affairs, the former serving as vestryman. They make their home at Third and Concord Avenues, Chester.

Samuel Mahon, deceased, for many years foreman of the Griffith Estate, was born in Ireland on April 1, 1847. His parents were Samuel and Catharine (Walker) Mahon, the former of whom during his sojourn in America had full charge of the Griffith Estates. Samuel Mahon was educated in Ireland where he attended a horticultural school. Upon coming to the United States when nineteen years of age, he found employment with the McAlwain Company, later becoming associated with the Parker Company. He subse-

quently was made foreman of the Griffith Estates where he enjoyed thirty-seven years of faithful service. His death occurred on October 6, 1917, and the passing of this kindly citizen was mourned by his many friends and associates. Mr. Mahon was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. On May 28, 1885, he married Augusta Swenson, daughter of Elizas and Anna Catherine Swenson. They were the parents of the following children: Jennie, Elizabeth, deceased, and Lily.

Thomas King, deceased, was one of the most promising business men in Chester, who in the short span of his life was identified with the most progressive business, civic and social movements of his community. He was born November 22, 1875, in Chester, a son of John and Catherine King, the former of whom was a member of the illustrious King family and a namesake and descendent of John King, of Tennessee, a famous leader during the Revolutionary War days. Thomas King attended the public schools of Chester. After completing his formal education, he entered the grocery and meat business. When John J. Ryan was organizing his group of chain grocery and meat stores, Mr. King became associated with this movement. Alert, keen to take advantage of new business methods, he soon advanced to manager of the main store, which position he held at the time of his unexpected death which occurred on September 10, 1911. His popularity among a host of friends made his death a great tragedy. Mr. King was a member of the Immaculate Heart Church, and was affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose. On November 1, 1899, he married Sarah A. McFadden, a daughter of Neal and Annie E. (Moren) McFadden. Seven children were born to this union: James, killed in action in the late war at the age of 16; Anna, now Mrs. James Drane; John; Thomas, deceased; Leonard; Mildred; and Catherine Marie. Mrs. King and her family reside at 1111 Butler Street, Chester.

Reverend Edmond O'Shea, Pastor of St. Cyril's Church, located in East Lansdowne, was born July 26, 1886, at Dungarran County, Waterford, Ireland. He received his education at the School of the Christian Brothers, Rockwell College and Magnooth College, Ireland, and in 1908, attained the degree of Bachelor of Arts and first place in Mental and Moral Science at the National University of Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood in Philadelphia, February 10, 1912. His first appointment was the Holy Infancy Church South Bethlehem, Pa., as assistant pastor. Later, on June 13, 1928 he was appointed as the first pastor to St. Cyril's Church, then being organized. The first services of the parish were held in the Public School, and when the attendance at Masses grew to such proportions that the auditorium could no longer accomodate them, the services were held in the Stonehurst Hills Theatre. In the mean time, the members of the parish were making strenuous efforts to provide themselves with a more permanent building. Through work and faith, this was finally accomplished and their present structure was complete, ready for use September 1, 1929. St. Cyril's School





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and Church building is the result of much thought and careful execution. The building is three stories high, fifty-six feet wide and one hundred and forty feet long. The exterior of the building has claimed special attention. Built of blended Foxcroft and Cynnwood stone, it produces a colorful ensemble. This building now provides the parishioners of St. Cyril's parish with a temporary church.

William Reilly Toal. The cause of civic advancement is one in which Mr. Toal is most deeply interested and with the duties attaching to his office as a public servant, he invariably brings into action and use those high principles that rule his business, professional and social life. The part that Mr. Toal has taken in the management of his public office, that of assistant District Attorney and the direction of his legal interests, has been marked with successful effort and in behalf of the public good. He is the son of John and Elizabeth Jessie (Reilly) Toal, natives of Ireland and both of whom are deceased. William R. Toal was born December 9, 1893 in Dundalk County, of Louth, Ireland, and came to the United States with his parents when he was three and a half years old. The Toal family originally located in Binghamton, New York, but removed to Philadelphia in 1900 where the father engaged in the grocery business. In 1915 he removed to Upper Darby, Delaware County and remained there until the time of his death. William Reilly Toal attended the public schools of Philadelphia. Graduating from the South Philadelphia High School in 1911 he entered the employ of the Quaker City Rubber Company, where he remained until 1922, when he entered the Temple Law School. While attending Law school he supplemented his education as a law clerk in the offices of Mr. Howard Lutz in Media continuing in this occupation until he was admitted to the bar in 1926. His ability and keen acumen in the legal profession won him instant recognition and in 1928 he was appointed assistant district attorney by Mr. William J. MacCarter, Jr. Mr. Toal married Miss Gertrude DePervin Getz of Farraday Park. He is a member of the Cassia Lodge No. 273 Free and Accepted Masons, Philadelphia Consistory, Lu Lu Temple 32 degree Shrine, Keystone Automobile Club, Republican Clubs of Collingdale and Clifton Heights and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Chester. Mr. and Mrs. Toal are communicants of the St. Andrews Methodist Episcopal church of Llanerch, where they make their home.

Samuel Seigle, superintendent of the Haverford Township Police Force, was born in Philadelphia, March 25, 1898, a son of William and Kate (Bradley) Seigle, both of whom are deceased. Samuel Seigle received his education in the Philadelphia Public Schools, after which he enlisted in the United States Regular Army, 29th Infantry, serving from 1916 to 1920 with the rank of sergeant. Upon his retirement, he joined the Haverford Township Police Force as a patrolman and in the intervening years worked his way up through the ranks to his present position. He has brought an increased efficiency to the organization and is highly regarded by the people of the community. He

married Frances Kitey, of Philadelphia and they have two children: Violet and Edward W. Mr. Seigle is a supporter of the Republican Party and a member of the Masonic Order, B. P. O. E. and the American Legion. The Seigle family reside at 1606 Beverley Road, Upper Darby.

Fred F. Duke, deputy of the county sheriff's office, was born, August 25, 1891, in Clifton Heights, Delaware County and is a son of David W. Duke, a native of Suffolk, Virginia, now deceased, and Mary (Spence) Duke, a native of Cherry Hill, Maryland, who now makes her home in Clifton Heights. Fred F. Duke attended the public schools of Clifton Heights and Lansdowne, after which he learned the electrical trade, which he followed for fifteen years. In 1925, Mr. Duke was appointed post master of Clifton Heights, a position which he held until coming to his present office in 1932. A Republican in politics, he serves his community as a member of the borough council and in addition to this is a justice of the peace. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic Order, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and the Order of Independent Americans. On October 29, 1914, Helen B. Megary, daughter of Edward and Mary (Manley) Megary became the wife of Mr. Duke. Their children are John and Harry. The Duke family are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Francis A. Headley. From the beginning of his activities in the business of express and storage, pronounced success has rewarded the efforts of Mr. Headley, who is well known in Chester where his father established the firm. Francis Headley was born on March 4, 1889, the son of William E. and Anna M. Headley. His basic education was acquired in the Immaculate Heart Parochial School in Chester, and then he became associated with his father in the express and storage business at 325 to 335 East Fifth Street. In 1915, in connection with his brother Joseph E. Headley, he took over the business of the firm, which has since grown to unusual proportions. The opportunities in this field of endeavor are becoming increasingly greater with the adoption of motor transportation. Mr. Headley's firm specializes in difficult and responsible undertakings such as moving bank safes. Frequently the services of Headley's Express & Storage Company are engaged even when competitors offer lower bids. This is excellent evidence of the confidence the general public have in their ability to discharge duties and responsibilities. Mr. Headley adheres to the principles of the Republican Party and is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church. He is actively identified with the Knights of Columbus. He is married to Miss Maude E. Shockley and they are the parents of two children. Their residence is situated at 715 Twenty-first Street, Chester.

George W. Pedlow. Since 1901, when Mr. Pedlow first entered the teaching profession, he has steadily arisen from one position to another, until to-day he is principal of the Chester High School, an institution that leads

in selecting and adapting the best of the many modern methods of instruction to the needs of a diversified population. George W. Pedlow was born in Manistee, Michigan. His father, John Pedlow, came to the United States from Ireland in 1859. He engaged in farming in Michigan for a time after the Civil War, and then moved east. His wife, mother of George W. Pedlow, was Mary (Gillespie) Pedlow, also a native of Ireland. The Pedlows made their home in Delaware County and here George W. Pedlow was educated in the Upland Public Schools. In preparation for educational work he prepared for entrance to Dickinson College at the Dickinson Preparatory School, Carlisle. In the former institution he was elected to Sigma Chi, National Social Fraternity, and graduated in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Professor Pedlow's first teaching position was at Dauphin, Dauphin County, where he remained for two years. The Board of Trustees of Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, recognized his worth and the value of his influence upon young men, and chose him to be a member of their faculty. In 1908 he returned to the field of public education as Principal of the Upland Schools in Delaware County, and continued in that capacity until a vacancy occurred in the high school faculty at Chester in January 1910. After a short time he was elected to the office of vice-principal and at the end of four years of valuable experience, he attained the responsible position of Principal of the High School, and has executed the duties of that office for eight years. In addition to his activities in professional organizations he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Pedlow was united in marriage with Miss Mary Watson of Upland, and their children are: Elizabeth W., educated at the West Chester Normal School and at Dickinson College. At present she is engaged as teacher in the Chester Schools. John Watson Pedlow, a graduate of Dickinson College, and G. Wesley, now attending Dickinson College. The Pedlow family are members of the Methodist Church and their residence is located at 711 West Seventh Street, Chester.

Stoddard Perry Gray, M.D. Established in the practice of his profession at Chester since 1906, Dr. Gray, who is accounted one of the foremost practitioners in this section, has a citizen's broad interest in every movement for the progress of the community, and has performed a work of enduring value to his profession and the general public. Dr. Stoddard P. Gray, the son of James, a New York State farmer, and Hannah (Northrop) Gray, was born October 6, 1877 at Greenfield, New York, where he attended the public schools. He prepared for his profession at Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated with the class of 1904 with his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following his internship at Chester Hospital, he became assistant to Dr. Crothers, and subsequently established his offices in Chester, where he has continued to practice. A Republican in politics, he maintains the principles of that party with vote and influence. In 1925, he was elected to the office of Superintendent of Accounts and Finance, and his ability and popularity with the voting public won for him his re-election to the office in 1927. Previously he had served as Superintendent of Parks and Public Prop-

erty from 1922 to 1925. Dr. Gray is a member of the staff of Chester Hospital and his fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Loyal Order of Moose; and he is a member of the Delaware County Medical Society. His social clubs are the Concord and Brinton Lake Country Clubs. Miss Emma Buckman became the wife of Dr. Gray and they reside at 1925 West Third Street, Chester.

Edgar W. Powell. Among the builders of Delaware County's enterprise by means of its business establishments, Dr. Powell gives his entire attention and his well known abilities to the maintenance of the excellent reputation of the lumber, feed and coal business of the E. W. Powell & Company with which he has been associated from its beginning. An account of the general progress of this borough would not be thorough without its special reference to Dr. Powell's vital interest therein. He was born in Springfield, this county, March 26, 1876 and is the son of Owen B. and Anna (Burroughs) Powell. Edgar W. Powell attended the Friend's School at Newtown Square, West Chester State Normal School, Philadelphia College of Business, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1900. Dr. Powell began his career as a veterinary surgeon, but retired from that profession several years ago, to devote his time to his business and the management of his extensive real estate interests. His avocation and hobby expresses itself in his love of horses. He is an acknowledged authority and judge of horse flesh through out the country, and has presided as judge in many of the largest horse shows in the United States. Dr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Sybilla Barry of Oxford, Chester County and to this union have been born the following children: Frances, Edgar, Margaret Ann, and Sybilla. Dr. and Mrs. Powell attend the Friends Meeting in Bryn Mawr where they make their home.

John S. Eynon. A physician and surgeon whose instinctive preference for his profession opened the doors of opportunity early in his career, and provided that training in his speciality that has assured his successful present and future, Dr. Eynon has the reputation of a skilled surgeon in hospital practice with his office at Chester. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical College and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and in addition to his large practice he serves as surgeon of the Chester and Taylor Hospitals and is active in the work of the Philadelphia Orphan Society. He is surgical director and advisor for the largest industries in the vicinity, such as the Sun Shipbuilding Company, American Locomotive Works, Congoleum Company, South Chester Tube, Worth Steel and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. During the World War, Dr. Eynon served as Captain in the United States Army, Medical Corps, Base Hospital No. 34. He was the Commander of the American Legion Post No. 190, and was President of Chester Rotary Club. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic Order and he is also listed among the members of the Chester, Penn, Rotary, Philadelphia Yacht and Brinton Lake Clubs, the State, County and National





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Medical Societies. Dr. Eynon is an ardent Republican and his religious faith is that of the Baptist Church. Miss Charlotte R. Ridley became the wife of Dr. Eynon and they make their home at 7 Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Park.

J. Borton Weeks. A man who combines artistic gifts with the faculty has enabled him to be a leader in legal circles, J. Borton Weeks is widely as well as favorably known throughout Delaware County. He was born at Norristown, February 3, 1891, the son of the late Joseph H. and Bessie T. (Borton) Weeks. Joseph H. Weeks who died in 1919, will be remembered as the president of a prominent business concern, the Weeks Photo Engraving Company of Philadelphia and for his active interest in the Pennsylvania Good Roads Movement. He was also founder of the Keystone Automobile Club, the largest organization of its kind in eastern United States. J. Borton Weeks attended the Rutledge Public School, graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1909 and the law school of the University of Pennsylvania in 1913. Since that year he has been engaged in general and corporation law practice, representing such corporations as the Baldwin Locomotive Works and Kent Manufacturing Company, besides a number of other industrial corporations and insurance interests in southeastern Pennsylvania. Besides his extensive law practice, Mr. Weeks shares many of the interests of his late father in highways and highway traffic problems, and is president of the Keystone Automobile Club, and holds the same office in the American Motorists Association. During 1916-18, he served as assistant District Attorney of Delaware County and during 1918 was in training as a soldier in the field artillery. Mr. Weeks is a Republican and a member of the Chambers Memorial Presbyterian Church. His fraternal affiliations are with the George W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, Free and Accepted Masons, the Media Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Philadelphia Consistory, Lulu Temple Shrine, and the Delta Chi college fraternity. Some of the active and social interests of Mr. Weeks are expressed by his connection with the Keystone Automobile Club, life member of the Brinton Lake Club, and the Penn Athletic Club of Philadelphia, and he is also a member of the Chester Club, the Spring Haven Club, Concord Country Club, the Ben Franklin Club of Philadelphia, the Poor Richard Club of Philadelphia and the Pen and Pencil Club. He is also a member of the Delaware County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. Mr. Weeks is a member of the law firm of Taylor, Chadwick and Weeks located in the Delaware County National Bank Building, Chester, Penna.

Ernest Leroy Green, deceased, perpetuates in the roll of the Delaware County Bar, a name that has been prominently identified with the legal profession of the county for two generations. He was born in Media August 4, 1881, a son of Horace P. Green, who is remembered by members of the legal profession as one of its most talented men, and Ida V. (Beatty) Green, descendent of an old established family of Delaware County. Ernest L. Green

graduated from the Media High School in 1897, after which he attended Swarthmore Preparatory School, graduating from Swarthmore College in 1902. He then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, and having been endowed with an abundant capacity for learning, completed his legal education with highest honors. Under his parent's careful preceptorship, he was inducted into the intricacies of his profession with a thoroughness that assured him future success, and he won admission to the bar and a partnership with his father. During the following years, he came to be known as one of Delaware County's foremost attorneys, having built up a practice that ranked him as one of the leading figures in law. The breadth of Mr. Green's interests in matters pertaining to law was enough to identify him with the leading men of the county. But it is a remarkable and significant fact that he was just as much interested in educational, religious and civic affairs as he was in the development of his legal interests. Mr. Green attended the Friends Meeting House in Media. He was a member of the Board of Education, serving as its secretary for many years. He was also vice-president of the Media Title and Trust Company, but was forced to resign from this office because of ill-health. His indefatigable efforts as a four-minute speaker during the World War were recognized throughout the county. He was also deeply interested in Masonic work and during his life time achieved the coveted thirty-third degree. On November 12, 1912, Miss Julian Roberts became the wife of Mr. Green. She is the daughter of Harry F. and Emma E. Roberts, the former of whom is a prominent grain broker and member of the Philadelphia Exchange. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Green: Ernest L. Jr.; and Horace P. II. The life and services of Mr. Green were terminated March 5, 1926, but his tenderness of heart and love of his fellow-men was a characteristic that will keep his memory fresh in the hearts of those who loved him.

Roland Chadwick. It is the successful business men who constitute the back bone of any community, men whose success is the result alike of sagacity, enterprise and strict integrity. None of the men of Delaware County, noted as they are for these qualifications possess them in larger measure than did the late Roland Chadwick. He was born in Chester, March 28, 1873, a son of John Howarth and Mary (Fawley) Chadwick. John Chadwick identified himself in business circles of Chester as a merchant tailor. Roland Chadwick received his education in a private school located at Seventh and Penn Streets. As a young man, his first employment was with the Strawbridge & Clothier Company, in Philadelphia, where he remained for several years. Subsequently, he established the Chadwick Dairy, which he successfully conducted for about ten years. He finally disposed of his interest to enter a partnership with Allen P. Muzzleman who operated a steam laundry in Chester. Severing this connection, he became associated with the American Dyewood Company, as superintendent of the barrel manufacturing department, which position he ably despatched until the time of his death, which occurred January 10, 1929. Mr. Chadwick's political allegiance was with

the Republican party and he served the Junior Order of United American Mechanics as its secretary for twenty-three years. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World, Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Chadwick was the possessor of a wonderful character, a man whose talents for friendship won for him the sobriquet among his associates of "Friendly," which signifies the type of man he was. Mr. Chadwick is survived by his wife, Bertha May Muller Chadwick and one son Albert LeRoy. They were the parents of one other son Roy, who died at the age of thirty-six. Mrs. Chadwick maintains her residence at 123 Worrell Street, Chester.

James Sproul, deceased, was born April 15, 1845, at Sadsbury Forge, Sadsbury Township, Chester County, the son of James and Anne (Johnson) Sproul, the former of whom was a manufacturer of pig iron, who established several forges, on Octataro Creek. He was a man of much respect and prominence in his community, and was considered the leading Iron Master about 1830. James Sproul attended the New London Academy, for boys only, in Chester County; the Newark, Delaware Preparatory School and a boys academy at Lititz. He was a student at the Lititz Academy in 1863 when the Confederates invaded that section. Before completing his education, he enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Militia and served in the Civil War and attained the rank of corporal. After his return to civilian life he lived in Christiana for a short period, later moving to Greentree, Highland Township, Chester County, where he engaged himself as a farmer for a few years. He then moved to Atglen where he established a grain, lumber and coal business. His business grew to be one of the largest wholesale concerns of its kind in the southeastern section of Pennsylvania. In 1892, he retired from active affairs, located in Chester where he lived for twenty-six years prior to his death, August 20, 1918. Mr. Sproul was united in marriage to Mary R. Slokom, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Walker) Slokom, the former was known as Squire Slokom of Lancaster County, and was a farmer, banker and real estate dealer near Christiana. They were the parents of the following children: Dora S.; Anne, now Mrs. Albert V. Lees, who has two children, Mary Sproul Lees, who married Henry Morris Ponchall, Jr.; and James Sproul Lees; Samuel S., died in infancy; and Mary Laura. Mr. Sproul was a member of the Blue Lodge and other Masonic bodies, a stockholder of the Delaware County National Bank and a member of the Presbyterian faith. He passed away August 20, 1918, and the death of this eminent, kindly, respected citizen was mourned by his many friends and associates.

Guy W. Davis. In any profession the man who keeps active and progressive contacts with the intellectual and cultural world, reserves for himself the finest opportunities for advancement. In the legal profession of Delaware County, Guy W. Davis is rapidly becoming a figure of distinction for his valuable attributes of mind and character. He was born in Philadelphia on November 20, 1900, a son of Howard L. Davis, Sr., and Clara (Jenkins) Davis. The former comes of an old Philadelphia family and has been a lead-

ing poultry fancier in the vicinity of Philadelphia during most of his life. The latter spent her early years in Bucks County, Pa. Guy Davis obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Glenolden, this County, and New Egypt, New Jersey, and then entered the Chester High School. Upon graduation in the class of 1920, he was awarded the Gov. William C. Sproul Scholarship to Swarthmore College. At Swarthmore he manifested unusual scholastic ability and an aptitude for public speaking and inter-collegiate debating. He graduated in the class of 1924 and entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, where his intellectual achievements culminated in his selection as a worthy recipient of the Franklin B. Gowen Fellowship in 1927. This award provided for a year's additional research at the University. Immediately after completing his legal training he became a member of the Philadelphia County Bar, and in 1928 opened offices in Chester, where he is rapidly proving himself a thorough and capable attorney. Mr. Davis has long been a Director of the Children's Christmas Cheer Association of Delaware County. He serves as an officer of the Swarthmore Clubs of Philadelphia and Chester. The former is the oldest luncheon club in continuous existence in Philadelphia. Through the American Society of International Law at Washington, D. C., Mr. Davis keeps in regular touch with world affairs. The Green Mountain Club of Rutland, Vermont, includes him in its membership. Mr. Davis is an Independent Republican, attends the Presbyterian Church at Glenolden of which he is an Elder, and makes his home in Norwood.

Keystone Automobile Club came into being twenty-five years ago as the answer to motorists' aspirations for an organization to represent their interests. In the quarter century that has witnessed the evolution of the motor car—and the revolution of transportation—the Club has kept pace with the demands of the day, increasing the scope of its public activities and standing as a barrier between the motoring public and injustice, no matter what its form. Organized as the Automobile Club of Delaware County, in 1906 with fifty-one members, the Club, under the militant leadership of its founder, the late Joseph H. Weeks, at once assumed an important role in shaping the destiny of motoring in Pennsylvania. The policies of the founder have been carried out and amplified by his son, J. Borton Weeks, who succeeded him in the presidency, until today the Club stands out as the foremost advocate of the rights of the motorist and has attained the position of the largest motoring organization in Eastern United States. In the early years of the Club, Joseph H. Weeks took leadership by his uncompromising fight against grafting squires and constables, who found in the growing motor population a source of easy revenue. With keen foresight he realized the necessity for improved roads, linking every town and city in the State, a great system of co-ordinated traffic arteries, a plan conceived and fostered by considerations of political expediency. Joseph H. Weeks spent weary and disheartening years trying to convince his contemporaries, but he finally succeeded. William C. Sproul, then State Senator from Delaware County, later Governor of the Commonwealth, ac-





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cepted the comprehensive plan of state highways worked out by Joseph H. Weeks and introduced it in the 1911 session of the legislature. The "Sproul Act" was passed and it is today, the backbone of the great Pennsylvania highway system. Throughout its quarter century of activity, the Club always has been on the firing line to protect the owners of motor vehicles from unjust or harsh laws. In recent years it carried on state-wide campaigns against increase in the gasoline tax, and it succeeded in 1929 in limiting an increase to one year, the first time in the history of gas tax legislation that a so-called temporary tax has not become permanent. At every legislative session Club representatives are on the alert to detect measures harmful to the motoring public, and aside from legislative activities, the Club devotes time and energy in the promotion of safety. Its Public Safety Department has organized School Patrols, for the protection of younger children from accidents going to and coming from school, in more than 275 schools, both public and parochial. An Automobile Club might be considered to be complete with the emergency road, touring and legal departments, as perfected by the Keystone Automobile Club. But they have gone much farther than that with the organization of insurance facilities, the Public Safety Department, Engineering Department, Road Patrol and Sign-Posting Department. More than 53,000 members constitute the present strength of the Keystone Automobile Club in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In July 1930, the Club moved to new and greatly enlarged quarters in the Keystone Building at Broad and Vine Streets, Philadelphia. Simultaneously, the expansion program included the opening of a branch office in Frankford, which justified itself from the start. The Club now has fifteen branch offices in this state and New Jersey.

Louis Cole Emmons. Any one familiar with Delaware County is familiar with the name of Louis Cole Emmons, one of the most aggressive and successful real estate operators in southeastern Pennsylvania. He was born December 12, 1887 at Culpeper, Virginia, the son of Judson Browning and Harriett (McCarty) Emmons. The enterprises with which Mr. Emmons is connected are many and varied. Paramount among these are the Riverview Estates and Lapidea Hills developments, both in the vicinity of Swarthmore, that charming suburb of Philadelphia, where gracious living is combined with the many advantages offered by a metropolitan area. Riverview Estate is a highly restricted development located in Swarthmore, while Lapidea Hills overlooks the beautiful Crum Creek Valley. Among the many advantages offered by these developments are their close proximity to many of the finest educational institutions in the east, among them Swarthmore College, founded by the Society of Friends in 1864, and Mary Lyons School for Girls, an institution noted for the high standards maintained. Lapidea Hills immediately adjoins Springhaven Golf Club, which offers one the advantages of all club and sport activities, which tends materially to enhance the home investment. Lapidea Hills also enjoys a high elevation, hence dry and healthy. The beautiful extended views, the accessibility to practically all business centers happily combine with other attributes in emphatically

stamping it as an outstanding development of this age. Individually planned homes, designed by prominent architects and constructed by competent engineers are now under the course of construction. In addition to his extensive real estate interests, Mr. Emmons is President of the Emmons Coal Mining Company and the Hulbert Oil and Grease Company. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore. Mr. Emmons is married and has one son, Louis Cole, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons reside at Riverview Farms, Swarthmore, where the former indulges his favorite hobby, that of raising thorough-bred Guernsey cattle, being owner of several of the world's best Guernseys. Mr. Emmons is also a member of the Penn Athletic Club, the Seaview Country Club and the Aronimink Country Club.

St. Hedwig's Roman Catholic Church and Rev. James L. Ploszaj. The establishment of many new industries in and around Chester in the early years of the present century attracted large numbers of Polish people. In 1902 there were forty Polish families in Chester, and these petitioned the Archbishop for a priest of their own nationality. In compliance with their request, the Archbishop appointed the Rev. Mieczyslaw Kopythiewicz, who was succeeded by Rev. Father Marek Januskiewicz, and later by Rev. John Godrycz, D.D. After building the first story of the present school, Father Godrycz was succeeded by Father Frog. Shortly after, Father Zoltowski was appointed Rector, and during the term of his rectorship another story was added to the present school. Then Rev. Leo Wiezynski became Pastor, and during the seven years of his connection with the Parish, finished the rectory, which had been begun by Father Zoltowski, opened the school, which he placed in the charge of the Bernadine Sisters, built a convent, and secured a site for the present Church. In 1915 Rev. James L. Ploszaj was appointed to Chester, and he at once began work upon the Church. The cornerstone was laid on May 30, 1916, by Archbishop Prendergast, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Alfred de Wroblewski, D.D., Ph.D. The Church was solemnly dedicated on November 25, 1917 by the then Rt. Rev. John J. McCort, D.D., now Bishop of the Altoona Diocese. The Solemn High Mass was sung by Right Reverend Monsignor Peter Masson, V.F. The sermon in Polish was delivered by Rev. John H. Dabrowski, of Shenandoah, and the English sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Henry T. Drumgoole, D.D., Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Under the leadership of Father Ploszaj, St. Hedwig's Parish has enjoyed a gratifying growth. Father Ploszaj was born in Krosno, Poland on June 2, 1883, the son of Andrew and Katherine Ploszaj. He received his education in the Krosno Public Schools and the Government College at Jaslo, after which he studied law for two years at X-Cracow University. Not being satisfied with the legal profession, he determined to enter the field of theology and subsequently was admitted to the Seminary at Przemyse. After three years of study, Father Ploszaj came to America and finished his course of study at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook and was ordained May 27, 1909. He has

served as Assistant Pastor at St. John Cantius, at Bridesbrook, Philadelphia and St. Laurentius Church after which he was appointed Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church at Coatesville and in March 1915 came to his present Church, St. Hedwig's at Chester. Since his pastorate, Father Ploszaj has accomplished many undertakings in the interest of St. Hedwig's Church, the last of which is the completion of their splendid recreational auditorium in 1925.

Reverend Joseph P. Smith, pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Norwood, Delaware County was born in Philadelphia, the son of Hugh and Rosanna (Dailey) Smith. He received his education at St. Ann's Parochial School, Philadelphia Catholic High School and after graduation, entered St. Charles Seminary at Overbrook in 1895. He was ordained to the priesthood June 6, 1903 and served as assistant pastor at St. Agnes Church, West Chester, St. Gregory's Church, Philadelphia, assistant chaplain Philadelphia General Hospital and John the Baptist Church at Manayunk until Sept. 8, 1914 when he was appointed pastor of St. Gabriel's church at Norwood. The parish was originally a mission to St. Rose of Lima, Eddystone and later a mission to St. Madeline's, Ridley Park. The first services were held in a large brick building on the corner of Winona Avenue and Chester Pike, then in a brick building on Chester Pike, and two other places. Mass was celebrated here until the erection of a little frame chapel on Chester Pike and Garfield Avenue which was dedicated July 30, 1893. For many years the mission of St. Gabriel's was attended from Eddystone. When St. Madeline's parish, Ridley Park, was formed, St. Gabriels became a part of it and was attended by Father Frank Bradley and later Father William McCallem of Ridley Park until the appointment of a resident pastor at Norwood. The little frame chapel served the parish for twenty-one years or until 1914 when it became a separate and independent parish. It was then apparent that the needs of the parishioners warranted the building of a permanent church. A desirable site of six lots facing on Mohawk Avenue was secured and work commenced on the new building. It was dedicated, a two story stone building; first floor as auditorium and second as chapel, September 13, 1914 and Solemn Mass was celebrated in the new church by Reverend M. J. Rafferty, who established the first mission in Norwood. The week preceding the dedication, Father Smith was appointed pastor and through his zealous efforts the parish has grown and prospered. When the church was finished the members of the parish began the work of erecting a school and convent to care for the religious and educational needs of their children. Consequently on September 8, 1922, a building was dedicated of adequate proportions to care for their children for many years to come. The following year the convent was opened under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In 1925 the present rectory was built. It is interesting to note the growth of the parish since 1914 from seventy-one families to three hundred in 1931. On the eighth anniversary Father Smith opened school. September 8, 1922, the third story was added for school purposes and dedicated by Rt. Rev. Michael Crane.

J. Frank Carter, superintendent of schools for Haverford Township, was born January 10, 1891, in Mapleton, Maine. He is the son of James and Vinnie Estelle (Turner) Carter, the former of whom is a potato farmer, and shipper of certified potato seed. J. Frank Carter attended the Mapleton public schools, graduating from the Aroostook State Normal School with the class of 1910. Then after teaching for a period of three years, he continued his education at Bowdoin College where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. The following year, he took post graduate work at Aurora College, located at Aurora, Illinois and in 1923, earned his Master's degree at the University of Maine. In 1931, Mr. Carter was granted the degree of Doctor of Education at Temple University, Philadelphia. Mr. Carter came to Haverford Township in 1925 as principal of the Senior High School, and has been in his present position since 1930. Gladys Rollins became the wife of Mr. Carter and they are the parents of one son, James Wallace. Mr. Carter is a member of the Kappa Psi Kappa social fraternity and the Phi Delta Kappa Honorary fraternity, the Acacia Lodge of Masons and is an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a life member of the National Educational Association. Mr. and Mrs. Carter make their home at 25 Princeton Road, West Brookline.

Leslie Pickney Hill, one of the outstanding educators of the country, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, May 14, 1880, a son of Samuel W. and Sarah Elizabeth Hill. His education was acquired in the public schools of Lynchburg and the high school of East Orange, N. J. He matriculated to higher education at Harvard University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903 and one year later earned his Master's degree. For the following three years, Dr. Hill was an instructor at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Subsequently, he served from 1907 until 1913 as principal of the Manassas Industrial School at Manassas, Virginia. In 1913, he became principal of the Cheyney Training School for Teachers, Cheyney, Pa., and has held that position up to the present time. In 1929, the Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Litt. D. He is also a member of the honorary fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa, the Kappa Alpha Psi college fraternity, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Harvard Club of Philadelphia. Dr. Hill is the author of several widely read books, chief among them being "Wings of Oppression" published by Stratford Company, in 1921 and "Toussaint L'ouverture" published by the Christopher Publishing Company in 1928. Miss Jane E. Clark of Newark, New Jersey became the wife of Dr. Hill and their children are: Eleanor Taylor, born October 7, 1908; Hermoine Clark, born March 16, 1911; Elaine Serena, born September 6, 1912; Natalie DuBois, born July 15, 1915; Mary Elizabeth, born March 18, 1918 and Emily Hildegard, born November 5, 1920. Dr. Hill and his family are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Honorable James Wolfenden, president of the Wolfenden Shore Company, and member of the United States House of Representatives lends his

valuable aid in counsel and direction in the support of the many civic and business matters that indicate progress for Delaware County. He was born in Cardington, July 25, 1889, the son of John T. and Pherenna (Boyer) Wolfenden. Having completed his common school and academic education, Mr. Wolfenden entered the huge woolen mills of the Wolfenden Shore Company and rapidly earned for himself the place as executive head of this mammoth organization. He is also a director in the First National Bank of Clifton Heights. Upon the death of the Honorable Thomas S. Butler, of the eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wolfenden because of the high regard with which he is held was elected on the Republican ticket to fill the vacancy in the Seventieth Congress, and is the present incumbent. Miss Viola Champion became the wife of Mr. Wolfenden, their children being John and Florence Esther. Mr. Wolfenden is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine, as well as a member of the Brookline Square Club and the Craftman's Club. The Wolfenden family are communicants of the Presbyterian faith and reside at Marshall and Heather Roads, Cardington.

Harry M. Birney, Jr., Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has held this responsible office since 1924. He was born May 18, 1877 at Chester, the son of Harry M. and Sarah (Cross) Birney, the latter of Rockdale, this county. The Birney family have long been identified with affairs of Delaware County. Harry M. Birney the father was born at Bullens Lane and until the time of his death engaged in the craft of stone cutting. The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Chester. For twelve years after leaving school he was associated with his father in his chosen trade. The possibilities of the retail tobacco business prompted him to change his trade and he subsequently established himself in business at 619 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, where he remained until elected to his present office in 1924. His ability in office and popularity with the voters of Delaware County resulted in his re-election to office. Mr. Birney was united in marriage with Ella Caroline Langhead of Boothwyn, Delaware County. To this union were born three children: Harry R., Kenneth C., and Joseph M. Mr. Birney is a staunch Republican and a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Fraternally and socially he is identified with the Owls, Loyal Order of Moose, the Alpha Boat Club and Jackson Landing and Fishing Club. The Birney family make their home at 612 East 19th Street, Chester.

Louis A. Wright, manager of the Chester offices of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company was born in Darby on April 12, 1895, the son of John H. Wright, tax collector there, and Catherine M. (McDermott) Wright, who died on October 8, 1917. He received his preparatory education in the public schools and high school at Darby. In the latter institution, he prepared for entrance to Drexel Institute where he was graduated with the class of 1919. During the nine years that followed he was engaged as freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The tremendous opportunities in the insurance field attracted him and he left his position with the

railroad company to become agent for the Penn Mutual Insurance Company. The ambitions he held and the goals he sought for, were readily achieved, for on January 1, 1931, Mr. Wright became manager of the Chester offices of the company at 13 East Fifth Street. Mr. Wright is an adherent of the principals of the Republican Party. Music is his avocation and he is nationally known among artists as Secretary of the American Federation of Musicians, in which capacity he served for five years. Mr. Wright married Miss Anna W. McAvoy, and they are residents of Chester where their home is located at 1404 Morton Avenue.

